

BOLL'S
FAMILY

STATE OF IOWA



OFFICE OF SECRETARY OF STATE

Number

This is to Certify that the

THE PRINCETON BOOSTERS CLUB

of Princeton, Iowa, a corporation organized under the provisions of Chapter 394, Code, 1939, as amended, has filed in this office Articles of Incorporation, and paid the fees as by law provided.

Therefore, this Certificate is issued thereby, authorizing it to transact business as a corporation, not for pecuniary profit, under and subject to the laws of the State of Iowa, for a period of fifty years from September 21st, 1945

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the seal of my office.

Done at Des Moines, the Capital, this twenty-first day of September, 19 45

Rayne M. Roper,
Secretary of State

By _____
Deputy Secretary of State

Expires September 21st 1995

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Heinie Boll's parents







HIGH SCHOOL

NORMAL TRAINING CERTIFICATE

STATE OF IOWA

DES MOINES



This Certifies that Selma Stadtmüller having presented satisfactory testimonials of good character and evidence of scholarship and professional training by passing examinations in the branches required by law and by graduation from the Normal Training Course of the Monticello High School is authorized to teach in any public school of the State of Iowa for a period of two years from the date hereof, subject to registration as required by law.

EXAMINATION RECORD

PEDAGOGY	95	ARITHMETIC	96	PHYSIOLOGY	90	AGRICULTURE	88
METHODS	91	GEOGRAPHY	90	CIVICS	95	HOME ECONOMICS	92
ORTHOGRAPHY	99	GRAMMAR	92	ECONOMICS	92	MANUAL TRAINING	
WRITING	80	U.S. HISTORY	91	PHYSICS	84	AVERAGE	91
		MUSIC	92	ALGEBRA	95		



P. E. McClintock

SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION

DATE ISSUED Aug. 11, 1920

This certifies that the holder of this certificate has furnished proof of year
... of successful experience and
is entitled to a minimum wage of \$6.50 per
month.

Hellie V. Mosey
Co. Supt. Jones County

Record & Register

This Certificate is Registered and Made Valid For

Jones County, *Aug. 28* 19*20*

Hellie V. Mosey
County Superintendent
H.R.

Jones County, *Aug. 30* 19*21*

Hellie V. Mosey
County Superintendent

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County Superintendent

S. Strattonville



Crescent City, La.
April, 14th, 1921.

Dear Boll;

Guess that you think that I have forgotten you by my not writing you sooner, but sonny boy, its like this. You see I have been so very busy with the little kid's big sisters that I have been unable to find very much time for any other diversions. But since I have been able to land a real large sucker, I can well afford to drop you a line occasionally.

I have read with much interest your letters to friend Barker, in fact I think that all of the boys in the house have enjoyed reading them as much as I have, and I further think that all intend writing you just as soon as they can become settled for that length of time. Really, sonny boy, I was so sorry to learn of your father's death as I know that it was hard to part with him, but I trust that you will make the very best of things as they stand and not get disheartened. You, no doubt have a little more weight on your shoulders now and I guess that you will not be quite as free as you formally were, but you are man enough to stand by the guns, I know.

A couple weeks ago, we all went out to De Jeahns to a little dance and I met the wonderful Dorothy, who used to call you up so very much. Boy, you missed the time of your life, when you left with out having met her. Honest, she is exceedingly pretty, and is very winsome in her disposition and manners. She asked me numerous questions about you and told me that she was going to write you with out fail. Marie also told me that she was going to write you, in fact she called me up one Sunday morning not along while ago and told me that she wanted your address as she had already written you a letter and wanted to post same that day. I told her to address you Dixon, Iowa, and I thought that you would get it as I knew of no other address that you would receive your mail from. Did she write you? Well, you should have been at the hop, as I am sure that you would have enjoyed yourself very much, as I think the entire bunch did. By the way, Mr Ahean, has rolled me for my girl and Quinn and Teresa have had a falling out. I do not think that they have made up as yet, but you never can tell how long those things will last. I trust it will not last long as the poor boy is in every body's way when he has no girl to go see every night as he used to.



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Leonie
Confirmation
April 2, 1939

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NEW ORLEANS REFINING COMPANY, INC.

233 BROADWAY
NEW YORK

TELEPHONES: BARCLAY
8540-8541-8542-8543

May 31, 1921.

CABLE ADDRESS: DETWAL NEW YORK


Mr. Henry W. Boll,
Dixon, Iowa.

Dear Sir:

Enclosed we beg to hand you check in the amount of \$20.42 in payment of balance due in the Provident Fund amounting to £5.4.10 at rate of exchange \$3.89½.

This payment is effected in acknowledgment of receipt from you of original and duplicate receipts for this pound sterling value.

Yours very truly,


Accountant.

WJB-BK

ENCL.

GROCERIES
DRY GOODS
SHOES
PAINT

H. W. BOLL

HARDWARE
CONGOLEUM
STOVES
RADIOS

PRINCETON, IOWA

Public Debt as of Jan 8th, 1936	30,540,941.089
Cash balance on hand " "	2,176,394,549
	<u>28,364,546,540</u>

Funds included in the public debt and
which are returnable for debt retirement:

R F C	2,276,000,000	
Farm Loan Corp	900,000,000	
Home Loans	422,000,000	
Commodity Credit C	260,000,000	
Railroad Loans	80,000,000	
Fed. Dep. Insurande	150,000,000	
Loans to States, Min	216,000,000	4,304,000,000

Expeniditures for relief to date:

C C Conservation	767,000,000	
C W A	816,000,000	
F E R A	2,560,000,000	
W P A	248,000,000	
T V A	73,000,000	
Surplus Relief Food	80,000,000	
Public Highways(Fed)	700,000,000	5,904,000,000

Debt when Hoover left office	19,487,009,766
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Normal

Expenditures for current year 1936

Departmental Expenses	232,600,000
Army Department	152,381,000
Navy "	195,000,000
Veterans Pensions	408,000,000
A A A Payments(farmers)	320,000,000

Debt retirement fund	338,928,000	
Interest on Debt	371,000,000	2,017,909,000

Reciepts:---

Income taxes	560,000,000	
Customs	200,000,000	
Misc. Revenues	1,214,000,000	1,974,000,000

Credit in stabilization fund
for gold devaluation kept in
seperate account with credit
to it of \$1,800,000,000.

TEACHER'S CONTRACT.

CONTRACT BETWEEN BOARD AND TEACHER.

This Contract between Miss Selma Stadtmueller, a teacher
of Scott County, Iowa, and B. L. Morgan,
president board of directors of the Independent Dist. No. 1
of Princeton in the County
of Scott State of Iowa, WITNESSETH:

That the said Miss Stadtmueller agrees to teach
the public school in Princeton of said district
for the term of 36 weeks, commencing on the 2nd day of
Sept. 1904, and well and faithfully to perform the duties of teacher
in said school, according to the law and the rules legally established for the government
thereof, including the exercise of due diligence in the preservation of the school buildings,
grounds, furniture, apparatus, and other school property.

In consideration of said services, the said B. L. Morgan
as president of the board, in behalf of said School Board
agrees to pay the said Miss Stadtmueller the sum of
ninety Dollars a month
for 9 school months, at the end of Each month

WITNESS our hands, this 5th day of Sept 1904

Selma Stadtmueller
Teacher.

B. L. Morgan
President.

REMARKS.— This contract should be made out in duplicate and one copy given to the teacher. No board should allow a teacher to commence school until a written contract is properly signed by both parties.

Teacher's Contract.

... *Dist. No.*.....

Township.....

...County,

Filed in my office.....190.....

ROBERT, FIDEL & COMPANY, BAYBROOK, N.Y.

The Farmer's Institute



The Farmer's Institute was an annual gathering in Princeton during the 1920's. It included displays of corn, potatoes, oats, clover seed, and vegetables raised by the men during the year.

For the ladies there were displays of quilts, embroidery work, and other handwork. Also, there were displays of breads, cakes, and cookies with prizes given for the best of each class.

The highlight of the evening always included a three act play directed by the principal of the High School, with parts played by many young people of the community. Princeton would have their play on Friday night and LeClaire would give theirs on Saturday night. Some of the players included Jasper and Rachel Morgan, Ethel and Elma Peitscher, Mervin Fletcher, May Brown, Westley, Clover and Alverta Schmalz, Warren and Leola Hamilton, Mildred Strong, Bessie Norton, Orville Stewart, Art and Rosie Williams and many others. The LeClaire plays included Marguerite Hogge, Claude and Rose Brown, Inez Hulet, Lee Spear and many others.

In 1932 the Institute was moved to LeClaire and the plays became one act plays put on by different Townships, such as Allen's Grove, Butler, and Cleona. We think about 1934 was the end of the Farmer's Institute. Perhaps the depression was one cause.

Between the acts of the three act plays Warren Hamilton and Wesley Schmalz had a comedy act which was always well received.

The Roller Rink



OUR
PLACE

Every Saturday afternoon or night the young people of Princeton could go to the skating rink in what is now Miller's property. (422 River Drive) John W. Fletcher and John F. Wilson had a huge nickelodeon installed up on a stage in the west end of the hall and it would belt out tunes so that everyone could skate. It was a wonderful pastime for a quarter! Only wooden wheeled skates were allowed and everyone had a good time.

The Showboat



The Show Boat was a popular attraction as it played in Cordova, Princeton, LeClaire and Port Byron. They carried their own crew and players and would tie up at the warehouse in the south end of Princeton, where they use to put on their plays. They came through this area once each summer season and were well received.

- "Tib" Stewart

1986

THE FARMERS INSTITUTE

These plays started in 1907 and continued through the 1930's. In the beginning it consisted of Princeton, Butler, LeClaire, Lincoln, Pleasant Valley and Davenport Townships.

The plays were held two nights - Princeton one night and LeClaire the other. See copy of a typical program and cast.

Mildred Holst and Hilda Strichter was president and Vice President consecutively of the Woman's Division for a number of years. Men's Division officers were Herbert Sawyer (superintendent of grain), Clarence Bowker (President), Hugo Sierk (secretary). and Wesley Schmalz the treasurer. Meetings were held in Peitschers Hall and later in the Community Hall.

-Bessie ~~Sierk~~
Sierk

THE GRASSY LANE CLUB

In 1918, Alvena Schmalz organized, assisted by Edith Barker, a home demonstration agent, the "Grassy Lane Group".

This was during the era of one room schools. Family gatherings, group singing and suppers were held at the "Grassy Lane School". Teachers also presented a program. At that time Mary Mess of Princeton was the teacher. The ladies started having monthly meetings with a lunch being served. They made dress forms during the youth of the organization - learning how to make their own clothes. The club was quite active when Rachel (Morgan) Rasche and Bessie Sierk were teachers there. Olga Kerr and Anna Graham are no doubt the only original members.

Ethel Oakes would drive her horse and buggy to meetings and pick up people along the way, followed by her yellow airdale dog.

At one time, the teacher was expected to have entertainment each month. It was finally cut down to about three or four a school year.

- Bessie Sierk

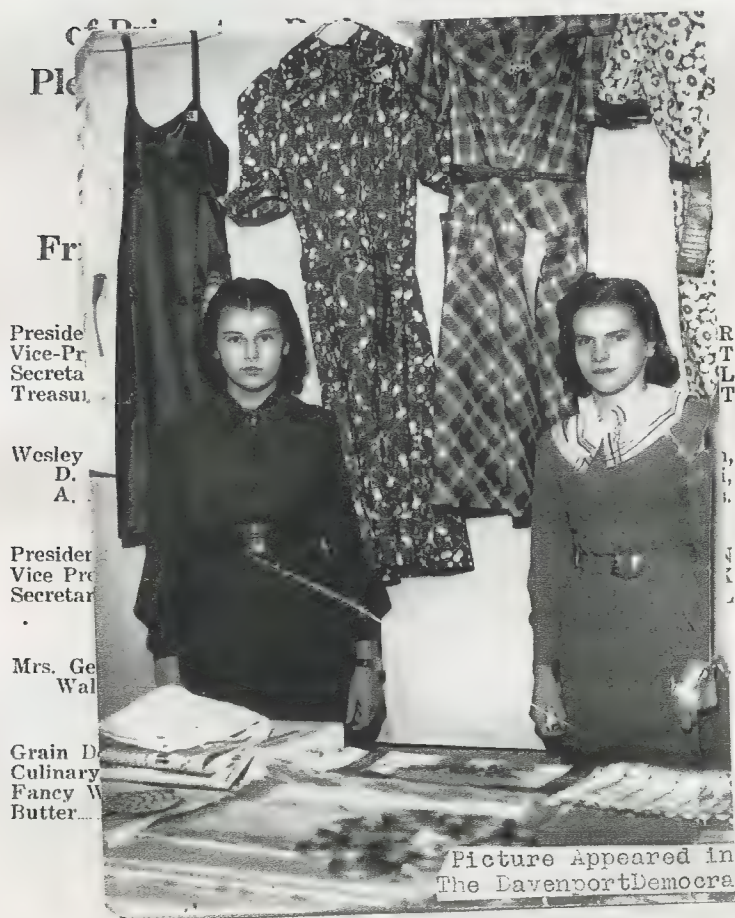
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*Return to
Bessie Seick*

PROGRAM

of the

Twenty-fourth Annual FARMERS' INSTITUTE



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D.
A.

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Secretar

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Fancy W
Butter

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Picture Appeared in
The DavenportDemocra

Princeton

1930'S



Princeton existed for only a few years as an unorganized village, for it was incorporated in January, 1857, slightly more than three years after its plan was drawn on Dec. 22, 1853, by Robert and George H. Bell and John Culbertson. The first election was held in March, 1857, and Samuel Porter was chosen mayor.

A rapid growth seems to have led to the early incorporation of the town, for history records a population of about 500 persons in 1858 and 1,000 the following year. Now the town numbers 373, according to latest census figures.

Saw and planing mills and grist mills were among its early industries and for a time it seemed that with the river at its dooryard the town would assume much importance in the county's commercial life. But many plans, among them power development on the Wapsie, went a-glimmering, and historians admitted 20 years later that prophecies of 1860 had not been fulfilled.

W. A. Haines is mayor of the city now. Other officers are H. C. Baxter, clerk; Hugh Johnson, assessor; Dr. George Cusick, health officer and treasurer; and F. F. Richberg, H. E. Brown, Chas. Lund, Frank Norton and David Paul, councilmen.



PRINCETON COMMUNITY CLUB

Merlin Boll has one of the finest grocery stores to be maintained in a small town. The following is a 1928 story about his building on River Drive in Princeton.

Princeton Community Club opens a new auditorium to the public Thursday evening, November 20th, 1928.

Thursday afternoon at 5 o'clock the new Community Club house in Princeton will be opened to the public, Festivities beginning with a Chicken Supper. Preparations are all complete. There's no doubt as to what is to be had for the people of town and country have donated 200 chickens, 10 bushels of potatoes, 150 pies and all the other supper "goodies" and if anyone is a good figurer, he should know how many people may be fed.

This will be followed by a program at which A.E. Carroll, Davenport, is the principal speaker. There will be carnival features and then a dance for which "Tony's Iowans" will play.

Now why is it that Princeton is doing this? It is because of the big development of a community spirit that just a few months ago organized the Community Building Company and purchased the three story building, the erection of which was begun about 1903 by Dr. John Knox. Because of illness and financial problems, the structure was never completed.

Consequently 50 farmers and business men got together, took over the building and organized a company, and put \$10,000. into the project with splendid results. Don Haring was given the contract for a two story building with a substantial basement with a cement floored dining room and kitchen.

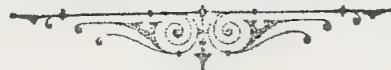
On the first floor are two fine store buildings, one of which is already rented to H.W. Boll, who will move his grocery stock from another building.

The second floor gives a Community Auditorium with finely equipped stage and an elegant dance floor. The room is finished with a hard wood floor, beamed ceiling, dark oak woodwork, side pull curtains with an overhang of Spanish velour. The interior is artistic and will meet the requirements of a large clientele.

Since the entire building is 46 X 76 feet an idea of its ~~splendid~~ splendid service is arrived at. Officers are President Herman Kroeger, Vice President A.H. Schmalz, Treasurer William Mess, Directors Jo Dee Croy, Henry Holst and Frank McKnight.

- Bessie Sierk

1928



FIFTY FOURTH ANNUAL
District
REBEKAH CONVENTION

OF
CLINTON, JACKSON and SCOTT COUNTIES

Community Hall

Princeton, Iowa

May 17, 1954

HOSTESS

ECHO REBEKAH LODGE No. 104

Princeton, Iowa

Convention Officers

President	Mildred Holst
Vice President	Alvina Schmalz
Secretary	Bessie Sierk
Treasurer	Rhoda Helble
Chairman of Ex. Comm.	Feryl Clemons
Noble Grand	Ann Beuse



INCORPORATED UNDER THE LAWS OF

IOWA

Number

9

Shares

Community Building Company

CAPITAL STOCK \$10,000.00

This Certifies that

H. W. Boll

is the owner of

Shares of the Capital Stock of

Community Building Company, fully paid and non-assessable,

transferable only on the books of this Corporation in person or by Attorney upon surrender of this Certificate properly endorsed.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the said Corporation has caused this Certificate to be signed by its duly authorized officers and its Corporate Seal to be hereunto affixed at Princeton, Iowa, this *15* day of *Aug* A.D. 19 *28*

FULL PAR VALUE OF THIS CERTIFICATE HAS BEEN PAID TO THE CORPORATION IN

SECRETARY

PRESIDENT

SWARTZ & A. JACKSON, CHICAGO

SHARES

\$100.00

EACH

CERTIFICATE
FOR
SHARES
of the
Capital Stock
Community Building
Company
ISSUED TO
H. W. Boef-
DATE
Aug. 15, 1928



For Value Received, hereby sell, assign, and transfer
 unto _____

Shares
 of the Capital Stock represented by the within
 Certificate, and do hereby irrevocably constitute and appoint
 to transfer the said Stock on the books of the within named
 Corporation with full power of substitution in the premises.
Attorney
 Dated _____ 19____

In presence of

NOTICE. THE SIGNATURE OF THIS ASSIGNMENT
 MUST CORRESPOND WITH THE NAME AS WRITTEN UPON THE
 FACE OF THE CERTIFICATE IN EVERY PARTICULAR WITHOUT
 ALTERATION OR ENLARGEMENT, OR ANY CHANGE WHATSOEVER.

INCORPORATED UNDER THE LAWS OF

IOWA

Number

54

One

Shares

Community Building Company

CAPITAL STOCK \$10,000.00

This Certifies that

A. W. Ball

is the owner of

One

Shares of the Capital Stock of

Community Building Company, fully paid and non-assessable,

transferable only on the books of this Corporation in person or by Attorney upon surrender of this Certificate properly endorsed.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the said Corporation has caused this Certificate to be signed by its duly authorized officers and its Corporate Seal to be hereunto affixed at Princeton, Iowa, this *10* day of *Feb* A.D. *1951*

FULL PAR VALUE OF THIS CERTIFICATE HAS BEEN PAID TO THE CORPORATION IN

J. H. Luter
SECRETARY

Herman Kroeger
PRESIDENT

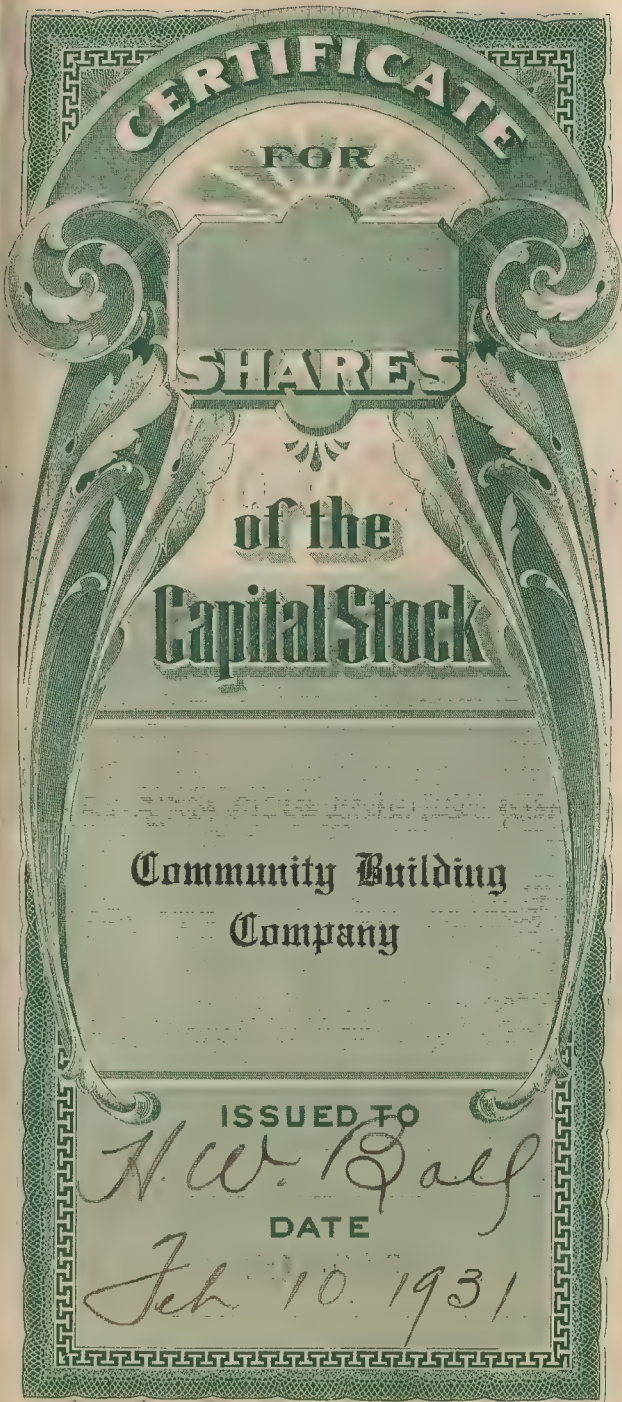
DWIGHT D. JACKSON, CHICAGO

SHARES

\$100.00

EACH





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FACE OF THE CERTIFICATE, IN EVERY PARTICULAR, WITHOUT
ALTERATION OR ENLARGEMENT, OR ANY CHANGE WHATSOEVER.

Signature Received _____ *Shares* _____
into _____ *being sold, assign, and transfer*
of the Capital Stock represented by the within
Certificate, and do hereby irrevocably constitute and appoint
to transfer the said Stock on the books of the within named
Corporation with full power of substitution, in the premises. *Attorney*
Dated _____ *19* _____
the presence of _____

INCORPORATED UNDER THE LAWS OF

IOWA

Number

56

Shares

Community Building Company

CAPITAL STOCK \$10,000.00

This Certifies that

H. W. Boel
one

is the owner of

Shares of the Capital Stock of

Community Building Company, fully paid and non-assessable,

transferable only on the books of this Corporation in person or by Attorney upon surrender of this Certificate properly endorsed.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the said Corporation has caused this Certificate to be signed
by its duly authorized officers and its Corporate Seal to be hereunto affixed
at Princeton, Iowa, this *4* day of *Sept* A.D. 19*34*

FULL PAR VALUE OF THIS CERTIFICATE HAS BEEN PAID
TO THE CORPORATION IN *Cash*

SECRETARY

PRESIDENT

DWIGHT & M. H. JACKSON, CHICAGO

SHARES

\$100.00

EACH

CERTIFICATE
FOR
SHARES
of the
Capital Stock
Community Building
Company
ISSUED TO
H. W. Ball
DATE
Sept 6-1934

For Value Received *hereby sell, assign, and transfer*
into _____

of the Capital Stock represented by the within *Shares*
Certificate, and do hereby irrevocably constitute and appoint
to transfer the said Stock on the books of the within named *Attorney*
Corporation with full power of substitution in the premises.
Dated _____ *19*

In presence of

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6 shares — H. W. Boll

INCORPORATED UNDER THE LAWS OF

Number

58

6

Shares

Community Building Company

CAPITAL STOCK \$10,000.00

This Certifies that

H. W. Boll

Six (6)

is the owner of
Shares of the Capital Stock of
Community Building Company, fully paid and non-assessable,
transferable only on the books of this Corporation in person or by Attorney
upon surrender of this Certificate properly endorsed.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the said Corporation has caused this Certificate to be signed
by its duly authorized officers and its Corporate Seal to be hereunto affixed
at Princeton, Iowa, this 8th day of July A.D. 1940

FULL PAR VALUE OF THIS CERTIFICATE HAS BEEN PAID
TO THE CORPORATION IN

SECRETARY

PRESIDENT

WICKY B. M. JACKSON, CHICAGO

SHARES

\$100.00

EACH

CERTIFICATE
FOR
-6-
SHARES
of the
Capital Stock

**Community Building
Company**

ISSUED TO
H. W. Boll
DATE
July 8, 1940



For Value Received _____ *hereby sell, assign and transfer*
note _____ *Spices*
of the Capital Stock represented by the within
Certificate, and do hereby inventory, conclude and appoint
to transfer the said Stock on the books of the within named
Corporation with full power of substitution in the premises.
Dated _____ 19____
for me and of

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INCORPORATED UNDER THE LAWS OF

IOWA

Number

61

Shares

Community Building Company

CAPITAL STOCK \$10,000.00

This Certifies that

H. W. Boll

is the owner of

- One (1) -

Shares of the Capital Stock of

Community Building Company, fully paid and non-assessable,

transferable only on the books of this Corporation in person or by Attorney upon surrender of this Certificate properly endorsed.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the said Corporation has caused this Certificate to be signed by its duly authorized officers and its Corporate Seal to be hereunto affixed at Princeton, Iowa, this 1st day of November A.D. 1943

FULL PAR VALUE OF THIS CERTIFICATE HAS BEEN PAID
TO THE CORPORATION IN Cash

SECRETARY

PRESIDENT

WRIGHT & B. W. JACKSON, CHICAGO

SHARES

\$100.00

EACH

CERTIFICATE
FOR
1
SHARES
of the
Capital Stock

**Community Building
Company**

ISSUED TO
H. W. Boll
DATE
November 1, 1943



For Value Received, hereby sell, assign, and transfer
note _____

of the Capital Stock represented by the within
Certificate, and do hereby irrevocably constitute and appoint
to transfer the said Stock on the books of the within named
Corporation with full power of substitution, in the premises:
Dated 19 _____

In presence of

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INCORPORATED UNDER THE LAWS OF

IOWA

Number

66

-1-

Shares

Community Building Company

CAPITAL STOCK \$10,000.00

This Certifies that

H. W. Boll

is the owner of

One

Share of the Capital Stock of

Community Building Company, fully paid and non-assessable,
transferable only on the books of this Corporation in person or by Attorney
upon surrender of this Certificate properly endorsed.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the said Corporation has caused this Certificate to be signed
by its duly authorized officers and its Corporate Seal to be hereunto affixed
at Princeton, Iowa, this 5th day of October A.D. 1948

FULL PAR VALUE OF THIS CERTIFICATE HAS BEEN PAID
TO THE CORPORATION IN

Alan H. Smith
SECRETARY

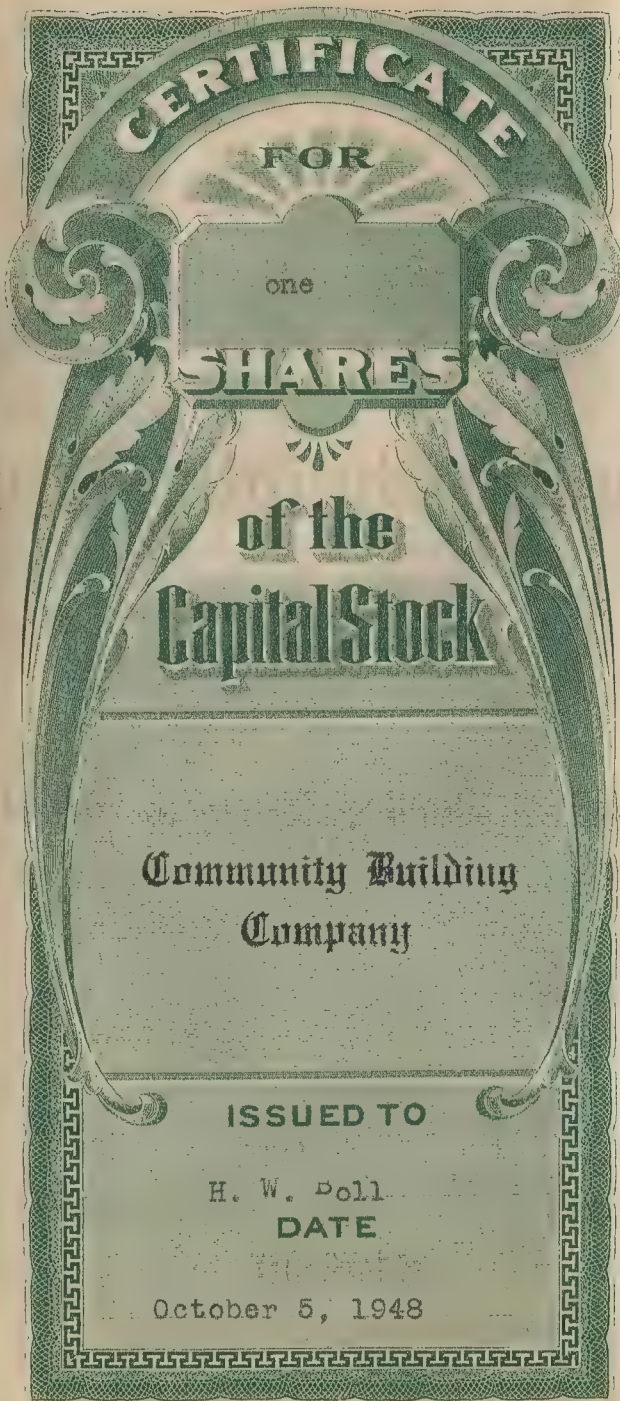
Herman Kroeger
PRESIDENT

WRIGHT & M. W. JACKSON, CHICAGO

SHARES

\$100.00

EACH



Pro Value Received, hereby sell, assign, and transfer
into

Shares of the Capital Stock represented by the within
Certificate, and do hereby irrevocably constitute and appoint
to transfer the said Stock on the books of the within named
Corporation with full power of substitution, in the presence
of

Dated
the presence of

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INCORPORATED UNDER THE LAWS OF

IOWA

Number

79

Shares

Community Building Company

CAPITAL STOCK \$10,000.00

This Certifies that

H. W. Boll

is the owner of

—line—

Shares of the Capital Stock of

Community Building Company, fully paid and non-assessable,
*transferable only on the books of this Corporation in person or by Attorney
upon surrender of this Certificate properly endorsed.*

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the said Corporation has caused this Certificate to be signed
by its duly authorized officers and its Corporate Seal to be hereunto affixed
at Princeton, Iowa, this 25th day of October A.D. 1942

FULL PAR VALUE OF THIS CERTIFICATE HAS BEEN PAID
TO THE CORPORATION IN CASH

SECRETARY

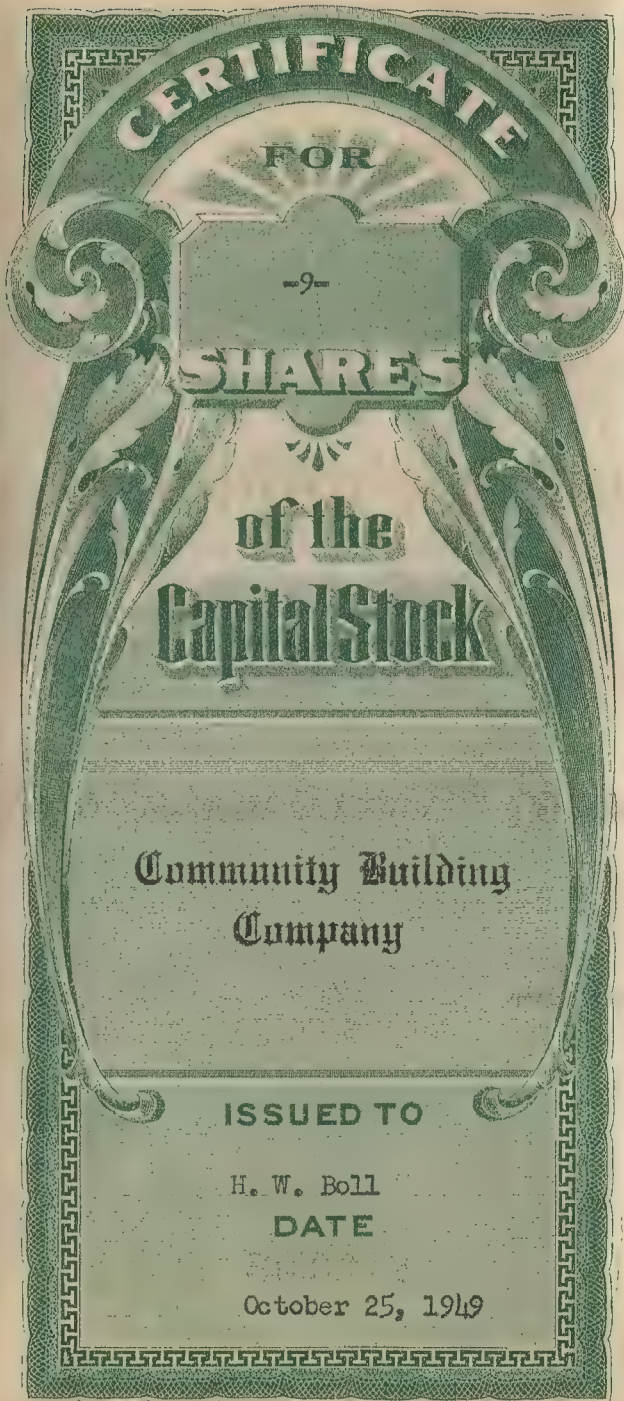
PRESIDENT

DWIGHT B. M. JACKSON, CHICAGO

SHARES

\$100.00

EACH



To Value Received, hereby sell, assign and transfer
into _____

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Certificate, and do hereby irrevocably constitute and appoint
to transfer the said Stock on the books of the within named
Corporation, with full power of substitution, in the premises.
Dated _____ 19____

In presence of

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INCORPORATED UNDER THE LAWS OF

IOWA

Number

84

One

Shares

Community Building Company

CAPITAL STOCK \$10,000.00

This Certifies that

H. W. Boll

One

is the owner of

Shares of the Capital Stock of

Community Building Company, fully paid and non-assessable,
transferable only on the books of this Corporation in person or by Attorney
upon surrender of this Certificate properly endorsed.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the said Corporation has caused this Certificate to be signed
by its duly authorized officers and its Corporate Seal to be hereunto affixed
at Princeton, Iowa, this 12th day of October A.D. 19 50

FULL PAR VALUE OF THIS CERTIFICATE HAS BEEN PAID
TO THE CORPORATION IN

SECRETARY

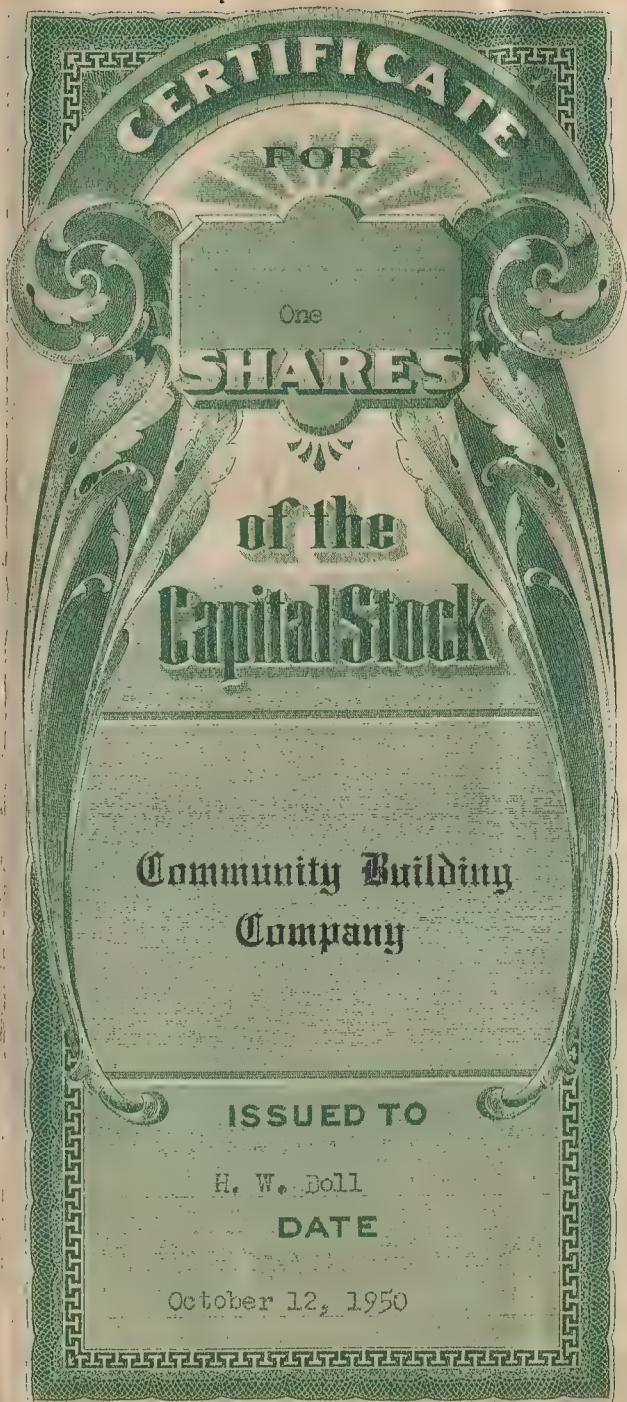
PRESIDENT

WRIGHT & N. H. JACKSON, CHICAGO

SHARES

\$100.00

EACH



For Value Received, I hereby sell, assign, and transfer
note

of the Capital Stock represented by the within
Certificate, and do hereby irrevocably constitute and appoint
to transfer the said Stock on the books of the within named
Corporation, with full power of substitution, in the premises.

Dated 19

In presence of

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ALTERATION OR ENLARGEMENT, OR ANY CHANGE WHATSOEVER.

INCORPORATED UNDER THE LAWS OF

IOWA

Number

85

Shares

Community Building Company

CAPITAL STOCK \$10,000.00

This Certifies that

H. W. Boll

is the owner of

One

Shares of the Capital Stock of

Community Building Company, fully paid and non-assessable,
transferable only on the books of this Corporation in person or by Attorney
upon surrender of this Certificate properly endorsed.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the said Corporation has caused this Certificate to be signed
by its duly authorized officers and its Corporate Seal to be hereunto affixed
at Princeton, Iowa, this 21st day of February A.D. 19 51

FULL PAR VALUE OF THIS CERTIFICATE HAS BEEN PAID
TO THE CORPORATION IN

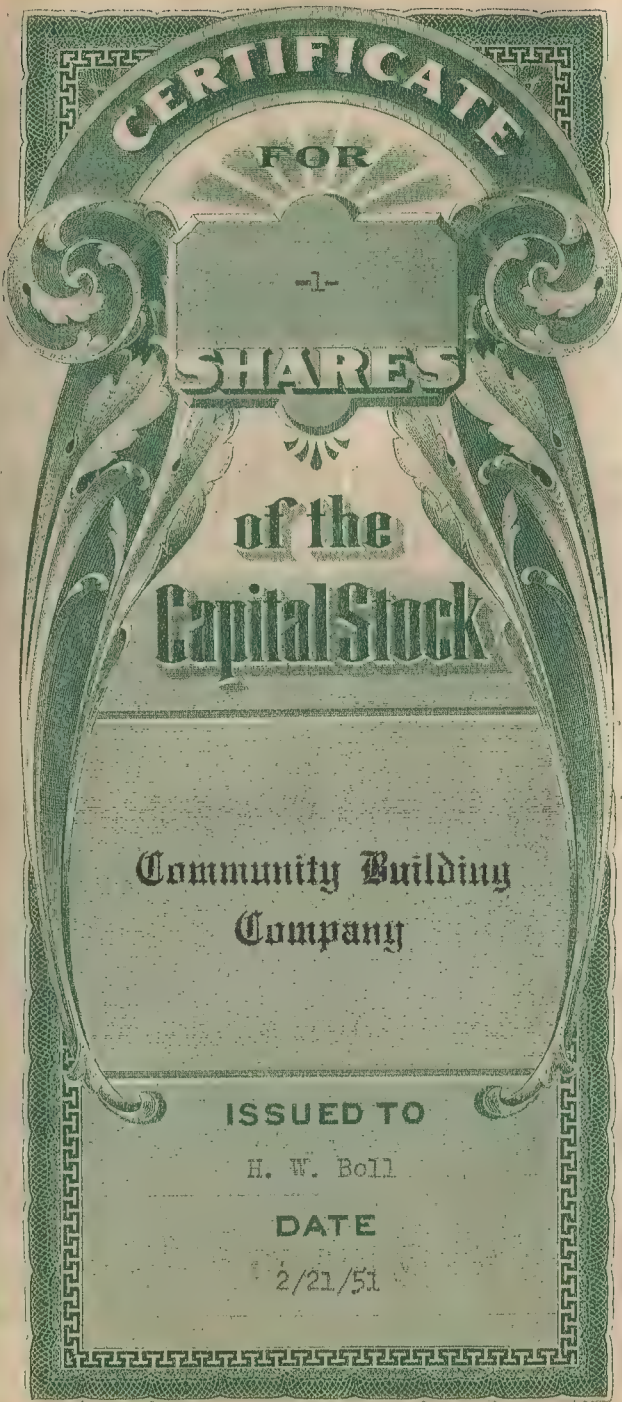
Allen H. Senter
SECRETARY

Harmon H. Rogers
PRESIDENT

DWIGHT S. M. N. JACKSON, CHICAGO

\$100.00





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unto _____

Shares
of the Capital Stock represented by the within
Certificate, and do hereby irrevocably, conclusively and appoint
to transfer the said Stock on the books of the within named
Attorney
Corporation with full power of substitution in the premises.

Dated _____
By _____
Witness of

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INCORPORATED UNDER THE LAWS OF

IOWA

Number

86

5

Shares

Community Building Company

CAPITAL STOCK \$10,000.00

This Certifies that
Five

H. W. Boll

is the owner of

Shares of the Capital Stock of

Community Building Company, fully paid and non-assessable,
transferable only on the books of this Corporation in person or by Attorney
upon surrender of this Certificate properly endorsed.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the said Corporation has caused this Certificate to be signed
by its duly authorized officers and its Corporate Seal to be hereunto affixed
at Princeton, Iowa, this 9th day of July A.D. 1951

FULL PAID VALUE OF THIS CERTIFICATE HAS BEEN PAID
TO THE CORPORATION IN

W. H. Smith
SECRETARY

Harman K. K...
PRESIDENT

DWIGHT B. M. JACKSON, CHICAGO

SHARES

\$100.00

EACH

CERTIFICATE
FOR
-5-
SHARES
of the
Capital Stock
Community Building
Company
ISSUED TO
H. W. Boll
DATE
July 9, 1951



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into _____

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to transfer the said Stock on the books of the within named
Attorney
Corporation with full power of substitution, in the premises.
Dated _____ 19____

In presence of

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INCORPORATED UNDER THE LAWS OF

IOWA

Number

88

Shares

2

Community Building Company

CAPITAL STOCK \$10,000.00

This Certifies that

H. W. Boll

is the owner of

Two

Shares of the Capital Stock of

Community Building Company, fully paid and non-assessable,
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upon surrender of this Certificate properly endorsed.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the said Corporation has caused this Certificate to be signed
by its duly authorized officers and its Corporate Seal to be hereunto affixed
at Princeton, Iowa, this 27 day of June A.D. 1922

FULL PAIR VALUE OF THIS CERTIFICATE HAS BEEN PAID
TO THE CORPORATION IN cash

Sten H. Senter
SECRETARY

Harmon Kneass
PRESIDENT

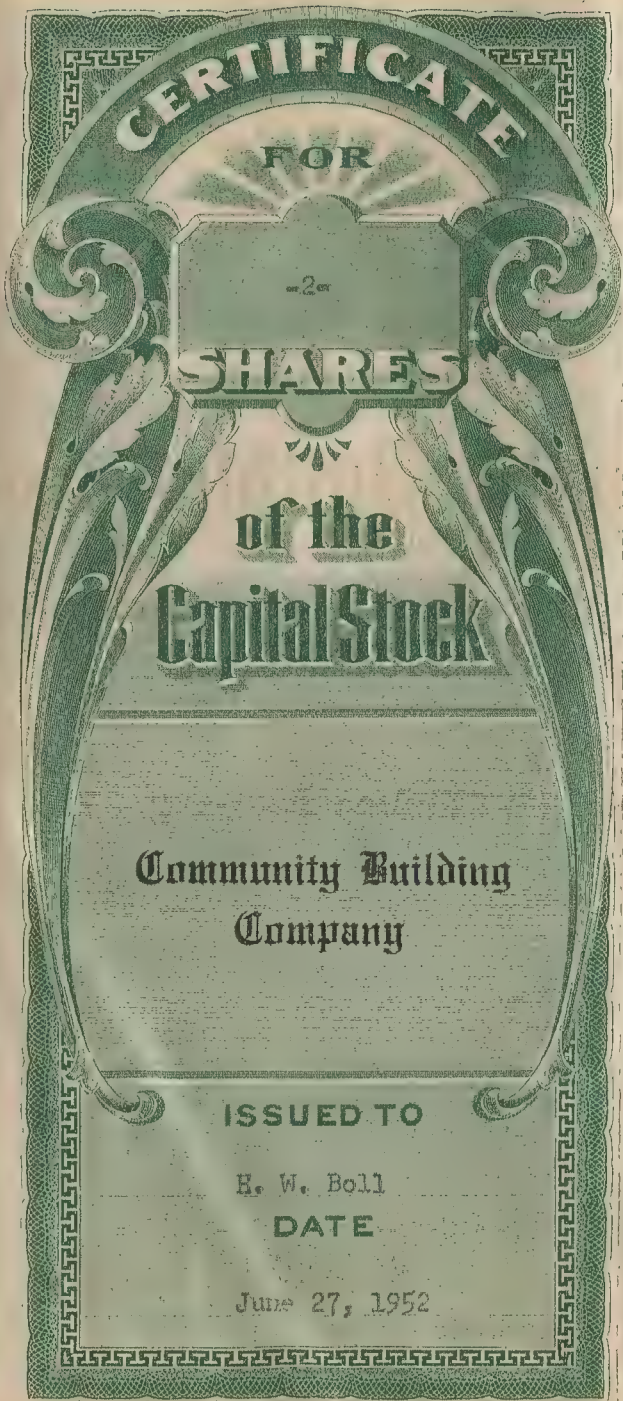
DWIGHT S. M. H. JACKSON, CHICAGO

SHARES

\$100.00

EACH





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Dated _____ 19____

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INCORPORATED UNDER THE LAWS OF

IOWA

Number

90

Two

Shares

Community Building Company

CAPITAL STOCK \$10,000.00

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is the owner of

Two

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*transferable only on the books of this Corporation in person or by Attorney
upon surrender of this Certificate properly endorsed.*

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the said Corporation has caused this Certificate to be signed
by its duly authorized officers and its Corporate Seal to be hereunto affixed
at Princeton, Iowa, this 29th day of December A.D. 1953

FULL PAR VALUE OF THIS CERTIFICATE HAS BEEN PAID
TO THE CORPORATION IN FULL

Ilen H. Smith
SECRETARY

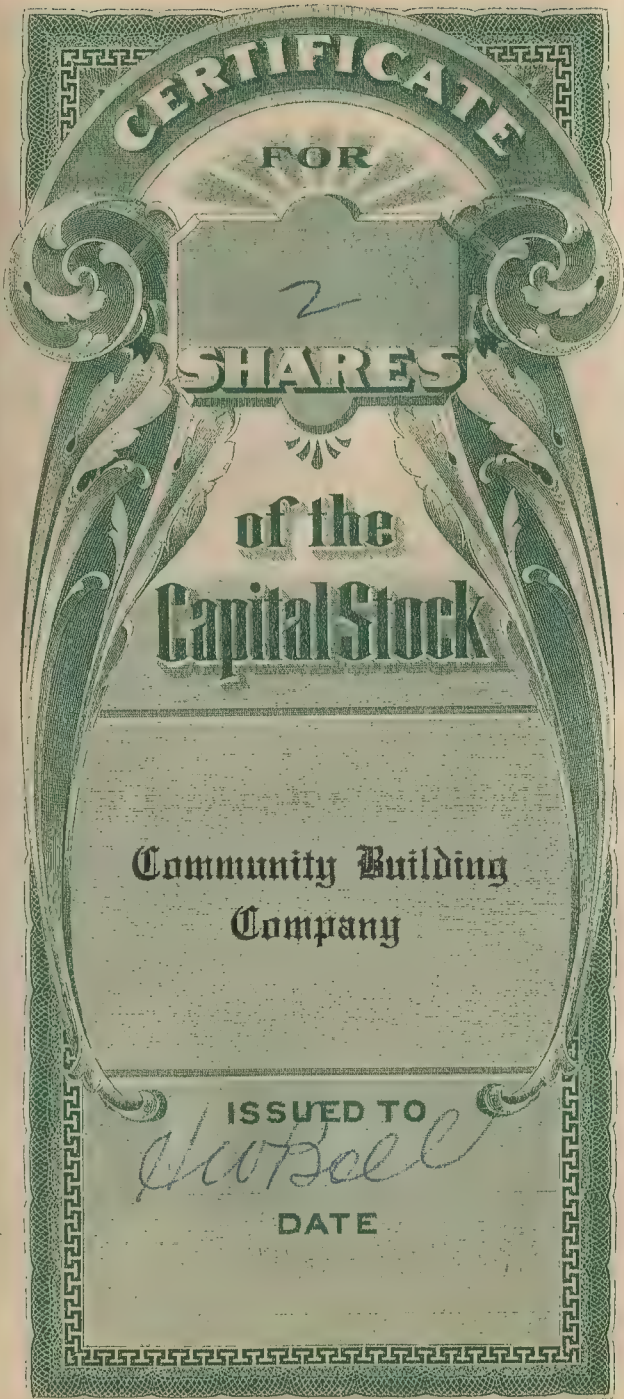
Herman Kroeger
PRESIDENT

BRICKY & M. H. JACKSON, CHICAGO

SHARES

\$100.00

EACH



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Dated _____ 19____

In presence of _____

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INCORPORATED UNDER THE LAWS OF

Number **91**



2 Shares

Community Building Company

CAPITAL STOCK \$10,000.00

This Certifies that

H. W. Boll

is the owner of

Two

Shares of the Capital Stock of

Community Building Company, fully paid and non-assessable,
*transferable only on the books of this Corporation in person or by Attorney
upon surrender of this Certificate properly endorsed.*

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the said Corporation has caused this Certificate to be signed
by its duly authorized officers and its Corporate Seal to be hereunto affixed
at Princeton, Iowa, this 28th day of June A.D. 1954

FULL PAR VALUE OF THIS CERTIFICATE HAS BEEN PAID
TO THE CORPORATION IN cash

Blair H. Smith
SECRETARY

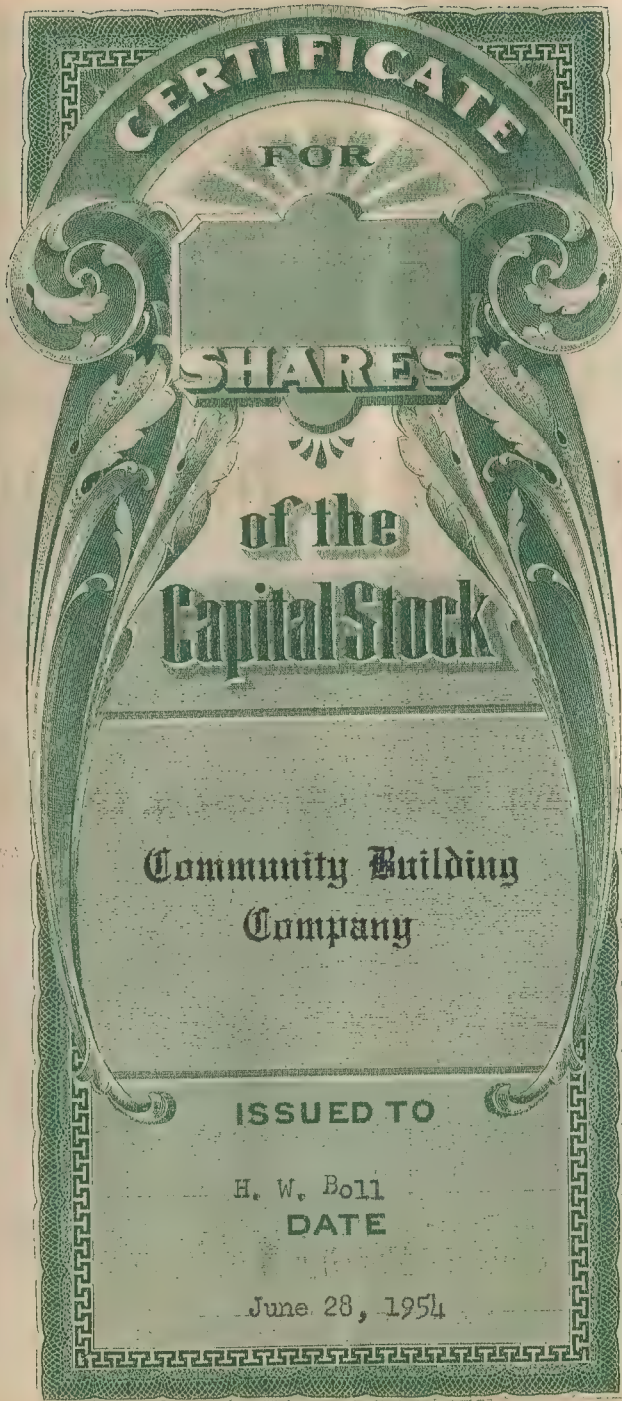
Herman Kroeger
PRESIDENT

WRIGHT & N. H. JACKSON, CHICAGO

SHARES

\$100.00

EACH



For Value Received, hereby sell, assign and transfer
into _____ *Shares*
of the Capital Stock represented by the within
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Corporation with full power of substitution, in the presence of
Dated _____ *19*
the presence of

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INCORPORATED UNDER THE LAWS OF

IOWA

Number

94

1

Shares

Community Building Company

CAPITAL STOCK \$10,000.00

This Certifies that

H. W. Boll

one

is the owner of
Shares of the Capital Stock of

Community Building Company, fully paid and non-assessable,
transferable only on the books of this Corporation in person or by Attorney
upon surrender of this Certificate properly endorsed.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the said Corporation has caused this Certificate to be signed
by its duly authorized officers and its Corporate Seal to be hereunto affixed
at Princeton, Iowa, this 16th day of October A.D. 1954

FULL PAR VALUE OF THIS CERTIFICATE HAS BEEN PAID
TO THE CORPORATION IN

Allen H. Smith
SECRETARY

Herman Kroeger
PRESIDENT

WRIGHT & M. H. JACKSON, CHICAGO

SHARES

\$100.00

EACH

INCORPORATED UNDER THE LAWS OF

IOWA

Number 95

1

Shares

Community Building Company

CAPITAL STOCK \$10,000.00

This Certifies
that

H. W. Boll

is the owner of

One (1)

Shares of the Capital Stock of

Community Building Company, fully paid and non-assessable,
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upon surrender of this Certificate properly endorsed.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the said Corporation has caused this Certificate to be signed
by its duly authorized officers and its Corporate Seal to be hereunto affixed
at Princeton, Iowa, this 31st day of December A.D. 19 54

FULL PAR VALUE OF THIS CERTIFICATE HAS BEEN PAID
TO THE CORPORATION IN

Dwight A. H. Jackson
SECRETARY

Herman Krueger
PRESIDENT

DWIGHT A. H. JACKSON, CHICAGO

SHARES

\$100.00

EACH

CERTIFICATE
FOR
1
SHARES
of the
Capital Stock
Community Building
Company
ISSUED TO
H. W. Boll
DATE
December 31, 1954



For Value Received, hereby sell, assign and transfer
into _____

of the Capital Stock represented by the within
Certificate, and do hereby irrevocably constitute and appoint
to transfer the said Stock on the books of the within named
Corporation with full power of substitution in the premises.
Dated _____ 19____

For presence of _____

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INCORPORATED UNDER THE LAWS OF

IOWA

Number

97

3

Shares

Community Building Company

CAPITAL STOCK \$10,000.00

This Certifies that

H. W. Boll

is the owner of

-Three-

Shares of the Capital Stock of

Community Building Company, fully paid and non-assessable,

transferable only on the books of this Corporation in person or by Attorney upon surrender of this Certificate properly endorsed.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the said Corporation has caused this Certificate to be signed by its duly authorized officers and its Corporate Seal to be hereunto affixed at Princeton, Iowa, this 21st day of January A.D. 1956

FULL PAR VALUE OF THIS CERTIFICATE HAS BEEN PAID TO THE CORPORATION IN cash

SECRETARY

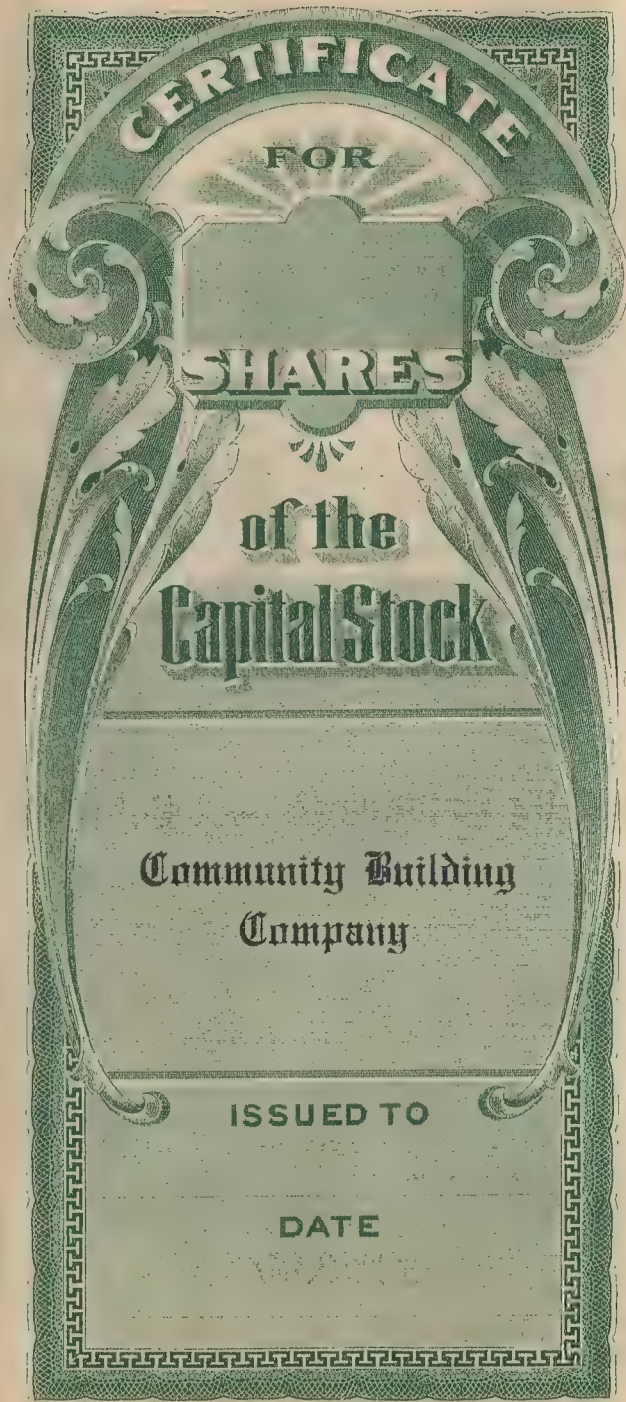
PRESIDENT

DRISKY & M. J. JACKSON, CHICAGO

SHARES

\$100.00

EACH



To Value Received, hereby sell, assign, and transfer
into: _____ *Shares*

of the Capital Stock represented by the within
Certificate, and do hereby inventory, subscribe and appoint

to transfer the said Stock on the books of the within named
Corporation with full power of substitution, in the premises.

Dated _____ *19* _____
In presence of

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INCORPORATED UNDER THE LAWS OF

Number

100

3

Shares

Community Building Company

CAPITAL STOCK \$10,000.00

This Certifies that

Three (3)

H. W. Boll

is the owner of

Shares of the Capital Stock of

Community Building Company, fully paid and non-assessable,
transferable only on the books of this Corporation in person or by Attorney
upon surrender of this Certificate properly endorsed.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the said Corporation has caused this Certificate to be signed
by its duly authorized officers and its Corporate Seal to be hereunto affixed
at Princeton, Iowa, this 24th day of March A.D. 19 59

FULL PAR VALUE OF THIS CERTIFICATE HAS BEEN PAID
TO THE CORPORATION IN

Idler H. Smith
SECRETARY

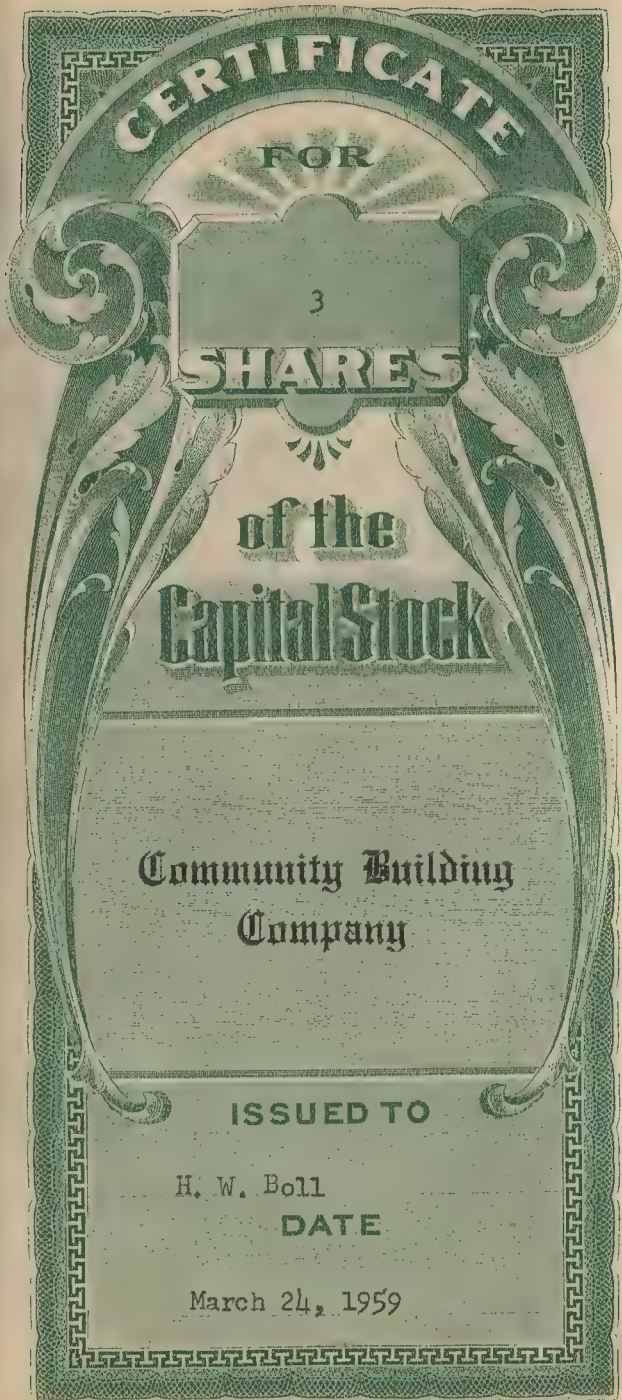
Herman Kroeger
PRESIDENT

BRIGHT & M. N. JACKSON, CHICAGO

SHARES

\$100.00

EACH



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Dated _____ *19* _____
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INCORPORATED UNDER THE LAWS OF

IOWA

Number

101

1

Shares

COMMUNITY BUILDING COMPANY

CAPITAL STOCK \$10,000.00

This Certifies that

One (1)

H. W. Boll

is the owner of

----- Shares of the Capital Stock of
COMMUNITY BUILDING COMPANY fully paid and non-assessable,

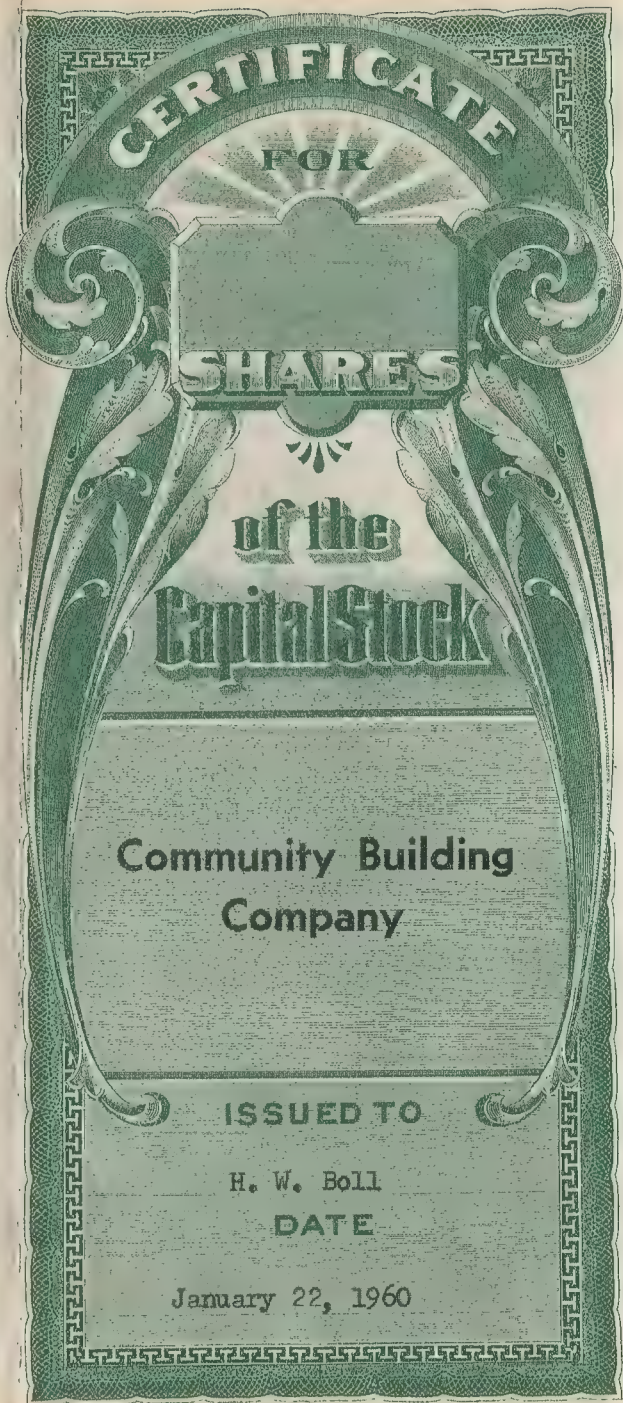
transferable only on the books of the Corporation by the holder hereof in person or by Attorney upon surrender of this Certificate properly endorsed.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the said Corporation has caused this Certificate to be signed by its duly authorized officers and its Corporate Seal to be hereunto affixed at Princeton, Iowa this 22nd day of January A.D. 1960

FULL PAR VALUE OF THIS CERTIFICATE HAS BEEN PAID
TO THE CORPORATION BY

Glen H. Smith Secretary
Herman Krueger President

SHARES \$ 100.00 EACH



To Value Received, hereby sell, assign, and transfer
into _____ *Shares*
of the Capital Stock represented by the within
Certificate, and do hereby irrevocably constitute and appoint
to transfer the said Stock on the books of the within named
Corporation with full power of substitution in the premises
Dated _____ *19* _____
In presence of

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INCORPORATED UNDER THE LAWS OF

IOWA

Number

104

2

Shares

COMMUNITY BUILDING COMPANY

CAPITAL STOCK \$10,000.00

This Certifies that

H. W. Boll

is the owner of

Two (2)

Shares of the Capital Stock of

COMMUNITY BUILDING COMPANY fully paid and non-assessable,

transferable only on the books of the Corporation by the holder hereof in person, or by Attorney upon surrender of this Certificate properly endorsed.

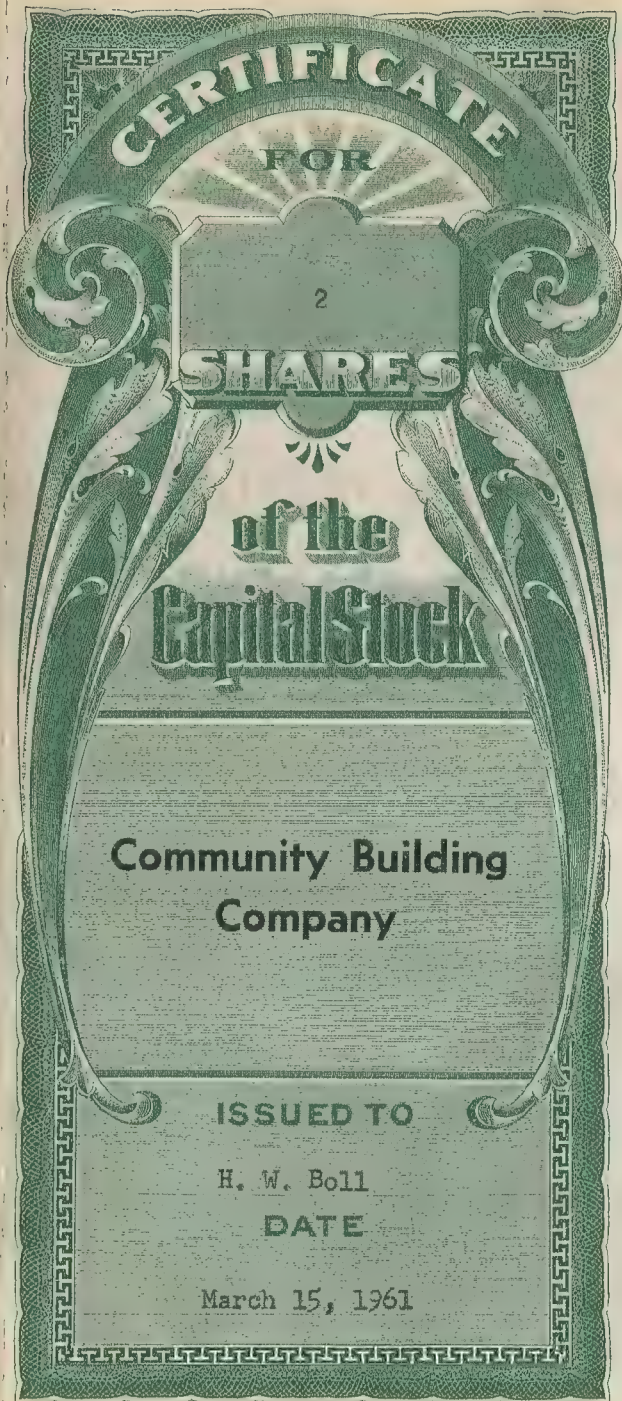
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the said Corporation has caused this Certificate to be signed by its duly authorized officers and its Corporate Seal to be hereunto affixed at Princeton, Iowa this 15th day of March A.D. 19 61

FULL PAR VALUE OF THIS CERTIFICATE HAS BEEN PAID TO THE CORPORATION IN

Oliver H. Smith
SECRETARY

Herman Krueger
PRESIDENT

SHARES \$ 100.00 EACH



For Value Received _____ *hereby sell, assign, and transfer*
into _____

Shares _____
of the Capital Stock represented by the within
Certificate, and do hereby irrevocably constitute and appoint
Attorney _____
to transfer the said Stock on the books of the within named
Corporation with full power of substitution in the premises

Dated _____ 19____
the presence of _____

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INCORPORATED UNDER THE LAWS OF

IOWA

Number

196

2

Shares

COMMUNITY BUILDING COMPANY

CAPITAL STOCK \$10,000.00

This Certifies that

H. W. Boll

is the owner of

Two

Shares of the Capital Stock of

COMMUNITY BUILDING COMPANY fully paid and non-assessable,

transferable only on the books of the Corporation by the holder hereof in person or by Attorney upon surrender of this Certificate properly endorsed.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the said Corporation has caused this Certificate to be signed by its duly authorized officers and its Corporate Seal to be hereunto affixed at Princeton, Iowa this 13 day of August A.D. 1962

FULL PAR VALUE OF THIS CERTIFICATE HAS BEEN PAID TO THE CORPORATION IN

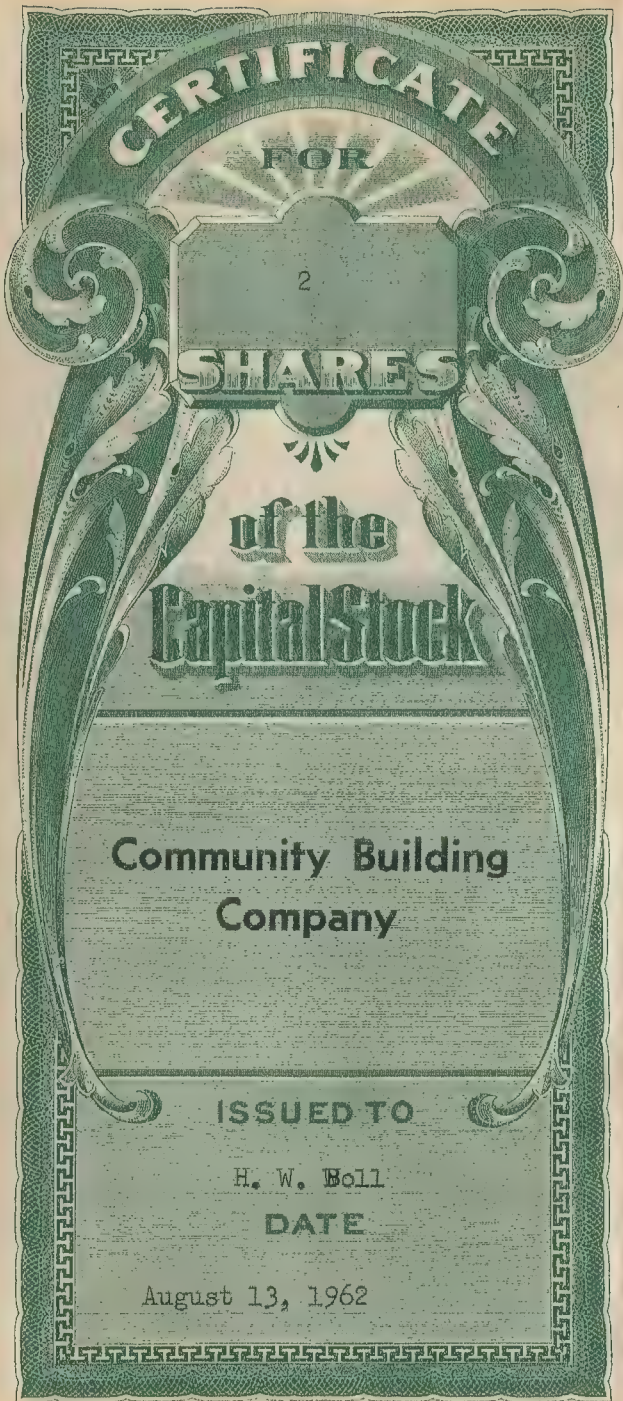
Glen H. Lutz
SECRETARY

Herman Krueger
PRESIDENT

SHARES

\$ 100.00

EACH



*To Have Received, _____ hereby sell, assign, and transfer
into _____*

*of the Capital Stock represented by the within
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*by transfer, the said Stock, or the parts of the within named
Corporation with full power of substitution, in the premises*

*Dated _____ 19____
the presence of _____*

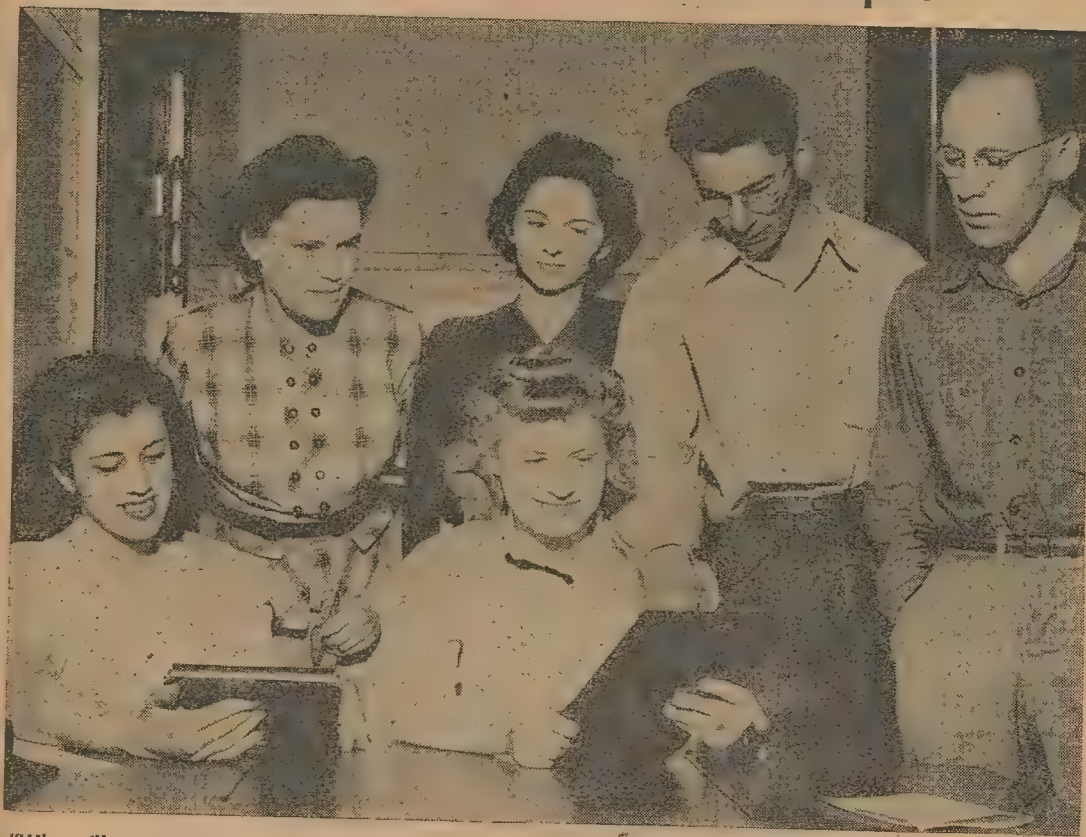
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Selma's, relative

The Monticello Exp

Monticello, Iowa, April 22, 1948

Express Wins Two First Prize Plaques



"Where'll we put them" is what the Express staff was wondering this week, after having been awarded plaques for first prize in Weekly Newspaper Typography and first prize in General Excellence for Weekly Newspapers. Express employees looking at the two newly won awards are (l to r, standing) Miss Emma Stadtmueller, Mrs. I. I. Rhatigan, Kenneth Ahlrichs, Milton Peterson, (l to r, sitting) Mrs. Leamon Scott and Miss Nelda Von Sprecken.

Express Photo.

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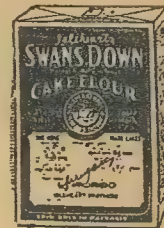
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BARGAINS FOR FRIDAY AND SATURDAY



LARGE NAVEL ORANCES, dozen	34
2# BULK DATES, 1931 crop	23
PINEAPPLE, 2 large can	28
MIXED NUTS, 2 pounds	45
XMAS. CANDY, 1# mixed	17
CAMPBELLS PORK & BEANS, 4 can	25
Tiny sifted PEAS, 2 cans	29
PINK SALMON, 2 tall can	19
POWDERED SUGAR, 3 pounds	22
SWANSDOWN CAKE FLOUR, package	22
AB PEABERRY COFFEE, pound	21
5 bars TOILET SOAP,	19



H. W. BOLL

XMAS. TREES, 5 foot 49

SPECIALS FOR FRIDAY AND SATURDAY



CORN MEAL, 5# sack, yellow	13
NAVY BEANS, 6 pounds	27
SEEDLESS RAISINS, 4 lb bag	28
SWEET CORN, 3 cans	21
CAMPBELLS PORK & BEANS, 3 can	13
LUX or PALM-OLIVE, bar	06
STRIK-A-LITE MATCHES, carton	23
CARNATION FLOUR, 49# sack	1.82
MAGIC WASHER or RINSO	23
PRUNES, 40/50s SUNSWEET, 3 lbs	29
DRY CALIFORNIA LIMA BEANS, 2 lb	19
MACARONI cr SPAGHETTI, 2 lb box	18
WHITE CHERRIES, med size	13
PEABERRY COFFEE, 2 lbs	35

H. W. BOLL

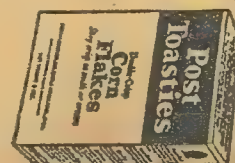
WISHING YOU FOLKS A HAPPY NEW YEAR

FOR FRIDAY AND SATURDAY

DRY LIMA BEANS, 2 pounds
Large White RICE, 3 pounds
NAVY BEANS, 4 lbs



large box
10¢



19
20
17

WHEAT FLAKES, 3 box deal
IODIZED SALT, box
RED KIDNEY BEANS, 2 can
SWEET CORN, 3 cans
EARLY JUNE PEAS, new pack, 2 for 27

LIBBY DRIED BEEF, glass
LIBBY CORNED BEEF, can
SUNSWEET PRUNES, 2 lb box
CIDER VINEGAR, gallon
#10 cans YELLOW PEACHES
#10 PITTED RED CHERRIES
Large WHITE POTATOES, peck

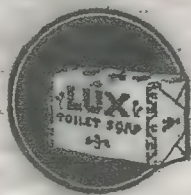
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H. W. BOLL

PAVING 13¢ for EGGS

SPECIALS FOR FRIDAY AND SATURDAY

LUX, the FINE SOAP, 3 bars for	17
GRAPE-FRUIT, 3 large	23
DRIED PEACHES, pound	14
RINSO, 25¢ size	18
PEABERRY COFFEE, pound	19
PANCAKE FLOUR, 3½# bag	19
STALEYS SYRUP, gallon	47
C&H POWDERED SUGAR, 3 pounds	21



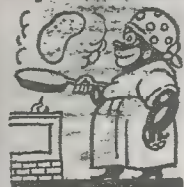
LIPTON'S GREEN TEA, ONE POUND, 70¢ value	36
COOKIES, Fine Mixed, per pound	14
SOLTAN'S POTATOES, peck for 37¢, bushel	1.30
EUREKA HARNESS OIL, Bring your container, gallon	59
NEW CABBAGE, solid, 1b	03
CORN STARCH, 2 10¢ boxes	13
BRING IN YOUR EGGS. PAYING 13½¢	

H. W. BOLL

NEW CABBAGE, solid, 1b
CORN STARCH, 2 10¢ boxes

PRICES FOR FRIDAY and SATURDAY

Try WHEAT-OATA if looking for something different,	21
WASHBURN'S PANCAKE FLOUR, 5 lb bag	24
PABST-ETT CHEESE SPREADS, package	17
ELBOW MACARONI or SPAG. 2 lb box	14
BORDENS LOAF CREAM CHEESE, per lb	28
Van Camps HOMINY, 2 tall cans	15
SUNSWEET 40/50 size PRUNES, 3 pounds	27



No. 1 White POTATOES, peck	47
GOLD SEAL, per square yard	50
9x12 GOLD SEAL RUGS, 15 patterns	7.95
UNI-SPAR CLEAR VARNISH, gallon	2.69
Misses Spring ANKLETS, pair	15
Red ONION SETS, 2 pounds	25
CUT GREEN BEANS, per can	11

CONGOLEUM
BY-THE-YARD

Look for the Gold Seal

H. W. BOLL

STORE OPEN until NINE every night EXCEPT TUESDAYS.

SPECIALS FOR FRIDAY AND SATURDAY

VINEGAR, white or cider,	29
CARNATION MILK, large cans	5½
OLIVES, 8 ounce jar, pimento filled	21
SWEET PICKLES, full quart jar	23
TEA, special blend for iced tea, in tumbler	19
CAMPBELLS PORK & BEANS, 10¢ cans	05
ONIONS, fine large solid, 10#	21

2 lbs fresh FIG BARS or GINGER SNAPS	19
AEROXON FLY TAPES, 10 rolls	23
MUSTARD SARDINES, square cans, 2 for	22
EARLY JUNE PEAS, new pack, 2 cans	19
WHEATIES for an elegant breakfast	10
LIFEBUOY, for a refreshing bath, 2 bars	15
COFFEE	23
BOTTLE CAPS	19

H. W. BOLL

PAYING 11¢ for EGGS



PRICES FOR THURSDAY, FRIDAY and SATURDAY



49 pound sack \$1.57

H. W. BOLL

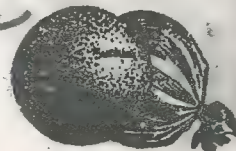
MENS PLAID FLANNEL SHIRTS \$1.25

DIXIANA PANCAKE FLOUR, 3# bag	12
STALEY GOLDEN SYRUP, gallon	46
New crop RICE, 3 pounds for	25
SEEDLESS RAISINS, 2 lb bag	14
ARM & HAMMER BAKING SODA, box	07
1 BAKED and 3 CHILI BEANS for	29
SALTED COD FISH STEAKS, 1# box	26
RAP-IN-WAX PAPER, 100 foot roll	19
MARSHMALLOWS, 1# cello pkg	13
MUSCATINE SWEET POTATOES, 8#	25
AAA-1 PEABERRY COFFEE, 2 lbs	32
STRAINED HONEY, 2 pound jar	22
TEXAS GRAPEFRUIT are in, 5 for	23
POTATOES, 15 pounds	22
BOYS FLANNEL	85

SPECIALS FOR THURSDAY, FRIDAY and SATURDAY



CORN FLAKES, 2 pkg with CRYSTAL DISH FREE	20
Libby GREEN BEANS, can	13
WHOLE KERNEL CORN, 2 cans	22
Valley Pride PEAS, can	09
ORANGES, 176 size, doz	31
OREGON BLUE PLUMS, gallon	29
SWANSDOWN CAKE FLOUR, box	21
BAKING SODA, package	07
POWDERED SUGAR, 3 pounds	22



3 bars CAMAY, Comb FREE	19
QUART JARS, BALL or KERR, dozen	72
RAP IN-WAX PAPER, 100 foot	19
VINEGAR, full 45 grain, gallon	22



The Soap of Beautiful Women

H. W. BOLL

GET SET for SERIES and POLITICIANS. RADIO TUBES TESTED FREE

KOTEX, reg box 20¢, pkg of 30	48
White KLEENEX, 500 sheet box	28

PRICES FOR FRIDAY and SATURDAY



COFFEE HOUSE COFFEE, one pound can	22
JELL-O, six flavors, 3 packages	14
Libby CRUSHED PINEAPPLE, 3 cans	31
Ripe solid BANANAS, 3 pounds	28
Texas GRAPE FRUIT, 6 for	23
Hart KIDNEY BEANS, 12¢ cans, 2 for	19
Fort Armstrong PEAS, 2 cans	26
Standard SWEET CORN, 2 cans	15
Libby's CHILI con CARNE, 2 for	15

FIVE foot STEP LADDERS made by DAV. LADDER CO. \$1.49

New designs in SHELF PAPER, 9 foot pieces 05

WALVET, the new paper cleaner, large cans 30

H. W. BOLL

FUL-O-PEP CHICK STARTING MASH, 3¢ pound bulk, 100# 2.50

CORNEED BEEF HASH, can	16
Sunsweet APRICOTS, per lb	21

boxed

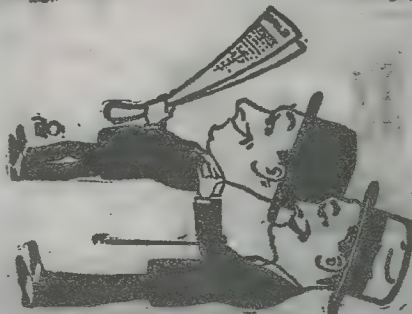
H W BOLL

(cash prices.)

C & H SUGAR, 10 lbs
GALUMET, large
MACARONI, 4 boxes
RICE KRISPIES
P & G, 10 bars
PRINCE ALBERT, 2 cans
CALV. WASH TUBS
STAPLES, pound

69¢
26¢
25¢
11¢
42¢
23¢
93¢
05

FOR
FRIDAY
AND
SATURDAY



PRICES FOR FRIDAY and SATURDAY



OMAR FLOUR, 49 pound cloth sack 1.39
SNO-SHEEN CAKE FLOUR with Spoon, box 22
BAKERS MOIST COCONUT, 1# can 08
Libby canned GRAPEFRUIT, 2 for 23
JELLO or JELLO PUDDINGS, 3 pkg 13
CRUSHED PINEAPPLE, 2 can limit 13
ICED TEA BLEND, 1# cello bag 26
POST TOASTIES, large package 08
Zephyr DRINK FLAVORS, 3 bottles 25



1939 crop PITTED RED CHERRIES, gallon can 49
NEW FALL CLOTH of GOLD DRESS PRINTS, yard 19
CLOSING OUT ROLLINS KNEE LENGTH SILK HOSE 25

H. W. BOLL RED lipped JAR RINGS, 6 boxes 22
BALL MASON ZINC JAR LIDS, dozen 18
OPEN EVERY NIGHT except TUESDAYS. CLOSED SUNDAY MORNINGS.

SPECIALS FOR FRIDAY AND SATURDAY

X CARNATION JELLO POWDER, package 06
5#-bag BUCKWHEAT PANCAKE FLOUR 31
X 10 lbs C&H SUGAR. 49
AMER. LOAF CREAM CHEESE, lb. 24
X MAGIC WASHER, package 21
PANCAKE FLOUR, 3 1/2#-bag 19
STALEYS' SYRUP, 1/2 gallon 29
RICE, 4 pounds 17
CORN, 3 can 25
3 cans TOMATOES 25
RED FLASH COFFEE, pound 21
HILLS COFFEE 39



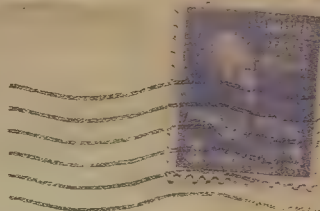
H. W. BOLL

SMOKE SALT. 89¢ LIQUID SMOKE, bottle \$1.00

Aug 25, 1953
Iowa Park, Texas

Dear Mr. Balls,

Received your letter of Aug. 20, 1953.
I realize that this account has been
long overdue. But my wages that
I receive as a serviceman isn't a
whole lot. I have tried to meet all
my obligations, but sometimes it
is hard to do on \$160. per month and
live. I have not forgotten your
account, although it looks like I
have. I will begin payments on
this account around the last
of September or the first part
of October. It may not be large
payments, but I will do my



Balls Grocery
Princeton, Iowa

best to liquidate this account
as soon as possible. If this agree-
ment is satisfactory to you please
let me know. If it isn't you
have already stated your intentions.
This is the only thing I can do be-
cause I am unable to pay any
more bills until the latter part of
September. Please send me an
answer.

Yours truly
Meril Eickert

Alec Meril Eickert
H.F. 17348024
115 West Poe St.
Tampa Park, Texas

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115 West Poe St.
Tampa Park
Texas

SALES

INCORPORATED

Phones: WA. 6-6311 WA. 6-6312
5009A Excelsior Blvd.
MINNEAPOLIS 16, MINNESOTA

June 18th, 1958

Mr. H. W. Boll
Princeton, Iowa

Dear Henie:

I can't tell you how glad I was to see you last week, and to learn that you have done so well.

It certainly doesn't seem like 37 years ago, but the preasant memories such as I carry of you and Bert Morgan, don't seem to be dimmed by the length of time that has passed.

I was so sincere when I told you that I did appreciate all the help that you gave me in the years that I called on you. It may not have seemed much to you at the time, but the business that you gave me certainly meant a lot to me then.

There were so many towns on my territory that for one reason or another, I used to almost dislike making - but Princeton almost seemed like home, and I was always glad to get there on Friday afternoons. Princeton, too, was the first town outside of Clinton that the Western actually gave me to work, and, I presume, that may have made me more conscious of the friendships that I developed there than in any other town they later added on.

Now, from the above you have my address, and if there ever is a time when you get to Minneapolis, by all means call me and let me have the opportunity to express again, to you personally, the appreciation that I have carried all these years for your kindness and help.

With my kindest regards to your family, and with my best wishes for your own continued success, I am,

Sincerely yours,

CS Broadston

CSBroadston:mt



Jan. 17. 1958.

Durant. Iowa.

Princeton Iowa.

Mr. Henry Boll.

Dear sir.

Old friend Henry I have not seen you in a number. of years but I think you are ging alonge very goed with your business.

A fiew days age I was in Davenport I talk to your mether If you fokes intrrest to sell your farm wich yours are lexwening in three Shairs. the 200 Acres. We are working an Real Estate business. In Durant Iowa. and would like to be a little ^{for} you people to

If so pleas send me the amount you want to sell for We may save you time and make yours some money. I have not Seen your brother Harrie. your Mether told ^{me} that she was willing to sell. You people agree on it and send me the amount you want. so that we can work on it when the spring days comming.

hepe to here from you seen.

Yours very truly,

Wm H. Eichner

Wm. H. Eichner.

Durant Iowa.

Our commission is 2.1/2%
I think it is O.K. with you.

July 8, 1958

Mr. Clarence Hill
1723 Division Street
Davenport, Iowa

Dear Sir:

Mr. H. W. Boll, grocer, of Princeton, Iowa has requested this court to take action in connection with an account in the amount of \$29.80 which he states is due him from you.

It is my desire to afford you the opportunity to settle this account without action on the part of the court, other than this letter, in order to avoid the assessment of court and serving charges in addition to the amount stated above. If you will place the above sum in my hands before July 31, 1958, no court action will be necessary and hence no costs will accrue.

I hope you will find it possible to take advantage of this offer.

Sincerely yours,

George E. Volrath
Justice of the Peace
Box 114
Princeton, Iowa

GEV:CV

No. 583359

INSTRUCTIONS TO DELIVERING EMPLOYEE	
<input type="checkbox"/>	DELIVER <u>ONLY</u> TO ADDRESSEE (20¢ additional)
<input type="checkbox"/>	SHOW ADDRESS WHERE DELIVERED IN ITEM 4 BELOW (31¢ additional)
RECEIPT	
Received from the Postmaster the Registered, Certified, or Insured Article, the number of which appears on the face of this return receipt.	
1. SIGNATURE OR NAME OF ADDRESSEE	
X <i>Clarence W Hill</i>	
2. SIGNATURE OF ADDRESSEE'S AGENT (Agent should enter addressee's name in item 1 above)	
<i>Carlene Hill</i>	
3. DELIVERY DATE	
<i>7-10</i> . 19 <i>58</i>	
4.	

66-16 71542-2 GPO

July 8, 1958

Mr. Wilbur Marquette
Le Claire,
Iowa

Dear Sir:

Mr. H. W. Boll, grocer, of Princeton, Iowa has requested this court to take action in connection with an account in the amount of \$69.78 which he states is due him from you.

It is my desire to afford you the opportunity to settle this account without action on the part of the court, other than this letter, in order to avoid the assessment of court and serving charges in addition to the amount stated above. If you will place the above sum in my hands before July 31, 1958, no court action will be necessary and hence no costs will accrue.

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2. SIGNATURE OF ADDRESSEE'S AGENT (Agent should enter addressee's name in item 1 above)	
	<i>Gary Marquette</i>
3. DELIVERY DATE	
	<i>7/10/</i> 19 <i>58</i>
4.	

16-71542-2 GPO

July 9, 1958

Mr. Al Winters
Le Claire,
Iowa

Dear Sir:

Mr. H. W. Boll, grocer, of Princeton, Iowa has requested this court to take action in connection with an account in the amount of \$11.25 which he states is due him from you.

It is my desire to afford you the opportunity to settle this account without action on the part of the court, other than this letter, in order to avoid the assessment of court and serving charges in addition to the amount stated above. If you will place the above sum in my hands before July 31, 1958, no court action will be necessary and hence no costs will accrue.

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Justice of the Peace
Box 114
Princeton, Iowa

GEV:cv

20¢
RECEIPT FOR CERTIFIED MAIL—15¢

SENT TO *Al Winters*
STREET AND NO. _____
CITY AND STATE *Le Claire, Ia.*
If you want a return receipt, check which
☒ shows to whom and when delivered
☐ 31¢ shows to whom, when, and address where delivered
If you want restricted delivery, check here
☐ 20¢ fee

POD Form 3800
Mar. 1956

Replaces previous editions of this form which MAY be used.

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1. SIGNATURE OR NAME OF ADDRESSEE
X *G. E. Volrath*
2. SIGNATURE OF ADDRESSEE'S AGENT (Agent should enter addressee's name in item 1 above)
3. DELIVERY DATE
7/10/58
4. _____

No. 583360

July 7, 1958

Mr. Donald C. Stebens
623 Carey Street
Davenport, Iowa

Dear Mr. Stebens:

There is \$4.00 court cost due the Justice of Peace Court
in Princeton, Iowa, for change of venue August 21, 1957.

Please remit this to me within the next two weeks.

Sincerely,

George E. Volrath
Justice of Peace

GEV:cv

C. H. WILDMAN



Sheriff of the County of Scott

COURT HOUSE BUILDING
DAVENPORT • IOWA
TELEPHONE • 2-5668

September 6, 1958

Mr. George E. Volrath
Justice of the Peace
Princeton, Iowa

Dear George:

We served the two Original Notices that Henry Boll brought in and our costs are \$1.25 for each notice plus nine cents a mile. Also enclosed are your notices with returns made out and costs endorsed on each notice. The total for both is \$4.66.

Mr. Boll said to notify him and he would mail us our costs.

Sincerely,

C. H. Wildman, Sheriff
Scott County, Iowa

Joseph H. Atkinson
By Joseph H. Atkinson
First Deputy

JHA:nh
Enc.

FARMERS SAVINGS BANK

PRINCETON, IOWA

September 22, 1958

C. H. Wildman, Sheriff
Scott County
Davenport, Iowa

Dear Sir:

You will find enclosed my check in the amount of \$4.66 in payment for serving of original notices for Henry Boll. He has paid these costs into my court.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

George E. Volrath
Justice of the Peace
Princeton, Iowa

GEV:cv
Enc:1

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FARMERS SAVINGS BANK

PRINCETON, IOWA

October 3, 1958

Mr. Al Bovee
Le Claire,
Iowa

Dear Mr. Bovee:

Mr. H. W. Boll informs the Court you still owe the balance indicated on the copy of the receipt enclosed. Will you please submit this balance in the near future.

Sincerely yours,

George E. Volrath
Justice of the Peace
Box 114
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Verail Supply judgment for — ^{25.82}
 paid 5.00 plus cost
 Balance — 20.82

① Clarence Hill - 1723 Division St
Davenport, Iowa
 Jan 17 - 1954 - 29.80 Orig Notes

② Al Boove - lives in rear of
 Clarence Bowker property
 this side of McClure, Iowa
 Dec 4 1957 24.50

Samuel Rogers - Mount Pleasant - Bettendorf
 lives on second floor of
 old Siebel appliance building
 in Riverdale
 Apr 18 1957 — 43.79 Orig Notes

③ Al Winters - McClure, Iowa
 Jan 19 - 1954 - 11.25 Orig Notes

④ Wilbur Marquette - McClure, Ia
 lives on lower end of McClure near Omar
 Oct 4 1957 - Total 69.78 Printed

TOWN OF PRINCETON

STATE OF IOWA • U. S. A.

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Boll's
PHONE 2402
PRINCETON, IOWA
July 30 1958
Al Bovee

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Debit				Balance - 4.50										
24.50				15.00										

Population: 600

Elevation: 591 ft.

recreation: Grand!

TOWN OF PRINCETON
STATE OF IOWA • U. S. A.

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Boll's

PHONE 2402

PRINCETON, IOWA

1958

Walburn Murphy

69.78

B5964

1	Check	15.00
2		
3		
4	Balance	44.78
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Basketball 1954



Play 1954



Play 1954



Chicken dinner











1952
Upstairs at Ball's



DEC

55



DEC

55

Saturday Night in Paris
1955
Above Ball's

INCORPORATED UNDER THE LAWS OF

IOWA

Number

108

47

Shares

COMMUNITY BUILDING COMPANY

CAPITAL STOCK \$10,000.00

This Certifies that

H. W. Boll

is the owner of

Forty Seven (47)

Shares of the Capital Stock of

COMMUNITY BUILDING COMPANY fully paid and non-assessable,

transferable only on the books of the Corporation by the holder hereof in person or by Mowery upon surrender of this Certificate properly endorsed.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the said Corporation has caused this Certificate to be signed by its duly authorized officers and its Corporate Seal to be hereunto affixed at Princeton, Iowa this 20th day of May A.D. 1905

FULL PAR VALUE OF THIS CERTIFICATE HAS BEEN PAID
TO THE CORPORATION IN

Islen H. Lutz
SECRETARY

Orville Stewart
PRESIDENT

SHARES

\$ 100.00

EACH

STATE OF IOWA
STATE TAX COMMISSION
RETAIL SALES TAX
PERMIT

ISSUED UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 422.53 CODE OF IOWA 1962

PERMIT NO.

82-13087

3-1-64

THIS CERTIFIES THAT

JOHN J. HARRIS
TAXPAYER

1000 5th St. S.E. Des Moines, Iowa 50318

0101 8 7 1

041164

Is hereby authorized to engage in and transact business as a retailer within this state at the above location

STATE TAX COMMISSION

NOTHING HEREIN SHALL LEGALIZE ANY
GAMES OF SKILL OR CHANCE OR SLOT OPERATED
DEVICES WHICH ARE NOW PROHIBITED BY LAW

THIS PERMIT IS VALID FOR LOCATION AND
BUSINESS INDICATED HEREON UNTIL REVOKED
OR CANCELLED AND IS NOT TRANSFERABLE



CHAIRMAN

PB 11201

DISPLAY CONSPICUOUSLY AT THE PLACE OF BUSINESS FOR WHICH ISSUED

IRS TAXPAYER 42-0856-416

FORM FNS-254
(2-71)

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
FOOD AND NUTRITION SERVICE



FOOD STAMP PROGRAM AUTHORIZATION

THIS CERTIFIES that M. J. BOLL

428 River Drive, Princeton, Iowa 52768

is granted authorization to accept and redeem food coupons on condition that the acceptance and redemption of all coupons shall be in accordance with the rules and regulations governing the Food Stamp Program and such revisions and amendments as may be made.

AUTHORIZATION NUMBER

5065127

REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVE, FNS, USDA

November 15, 1971

DATE OF APPROVAL

A change in ownership, store name or location, or the closing of the business voids this authorization and this card must be returned to the Food and Nutrition Service. For your convenience, the back of this card has been pre-addressed and no postage is required.

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
FOOD AND NUTRITION SERVICE



POSTAGE & FEES PAID
United States Department of Agriculture

OFFICIAL BUSINESS
PENALTY FOR PRIVATE USE, \$300

Mr. Grocer,
Please check the appropriate box or boxes so that we may better serve you.

Card is being returned because of:

☐ CHANGE IN STORE
NAME OR LOCATION
PHONE NUMBER:

AREA CODE

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☐ CLOSING OF
BUSINESS
☐ CHANGE IN
OWNERSHIP
☐ NEW AUTHORIZA-
TION IS REQUESTED

U.S. Department of Agriculture
Food and Nutrition Service
P.O. Box 368
Marion, Iowa 52302





melins nephews -







Spring 1987





Picture I took in
my studio

Mike the store cat
born 1995 - Red one!







Beach at Fort L. Fort. - 10/10/10



Fort L. Fort. - 10/10/10



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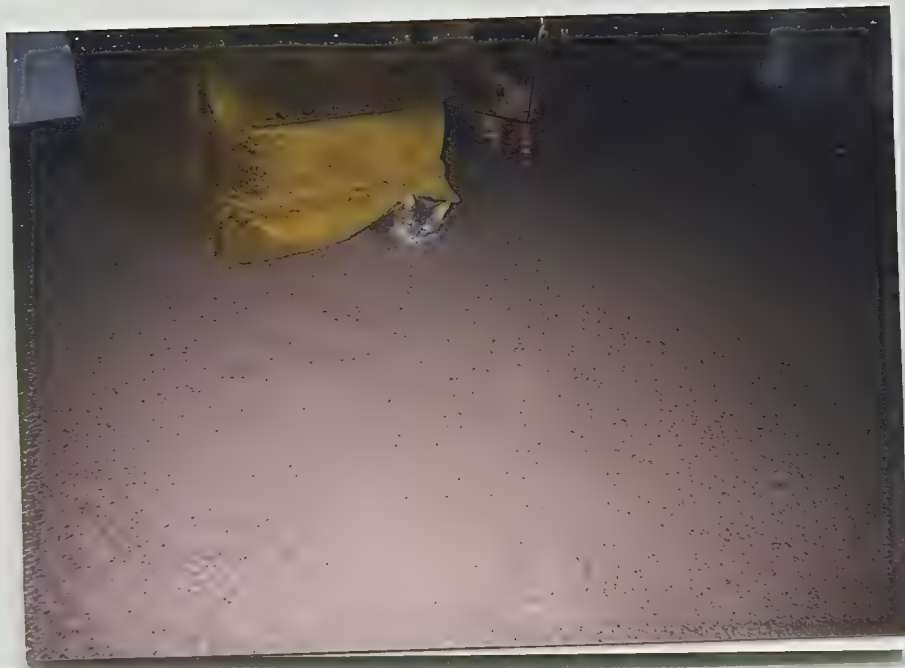


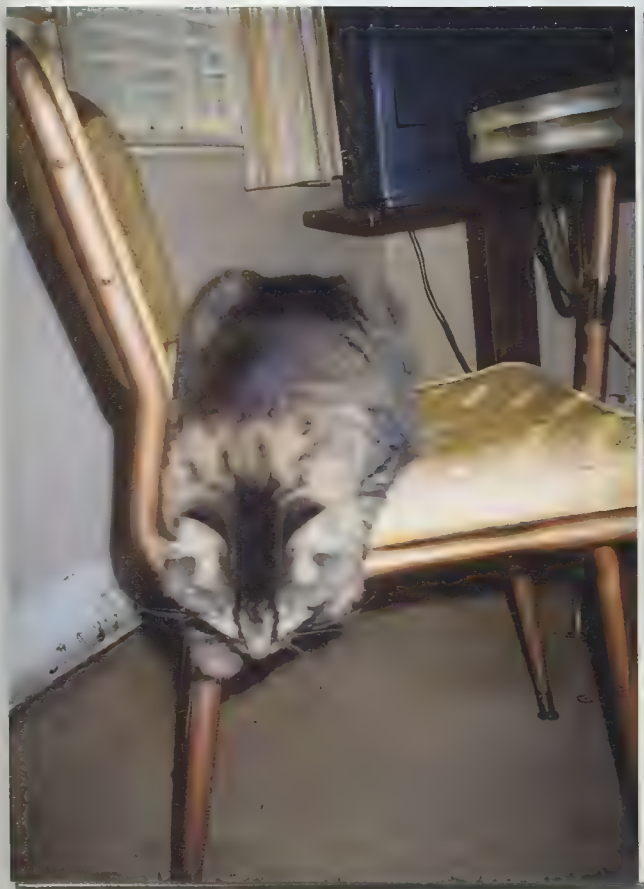
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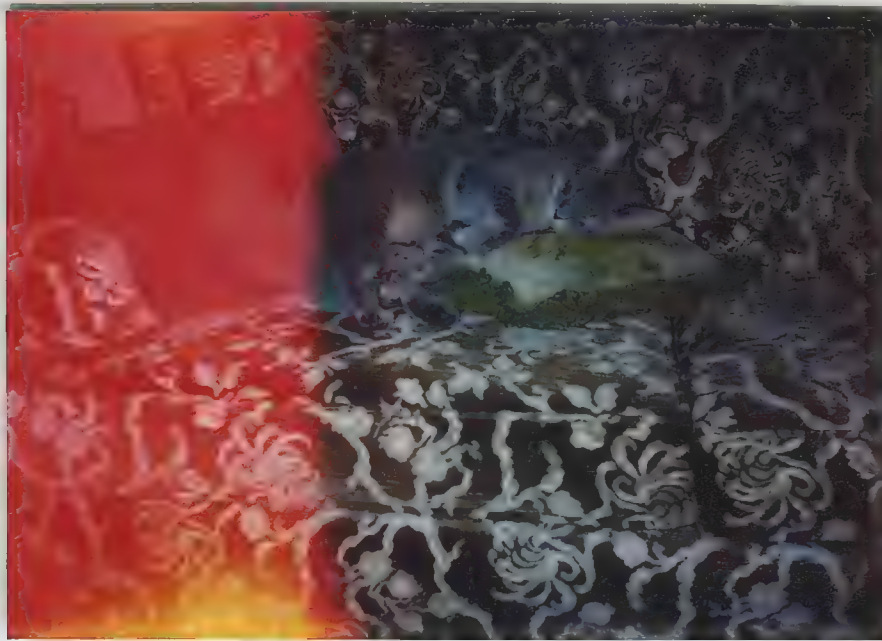
Sammy - tailless
& declawed

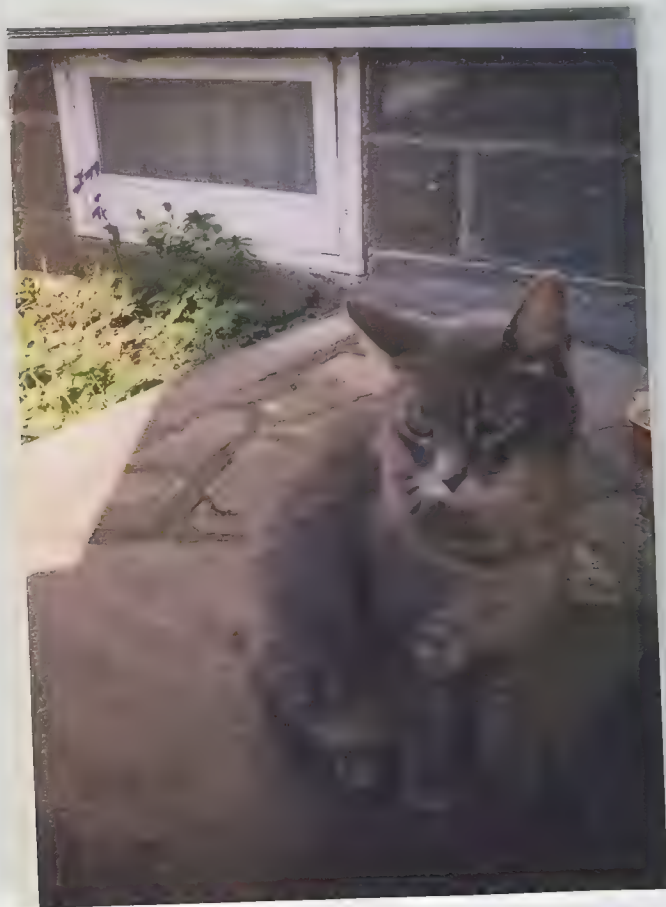
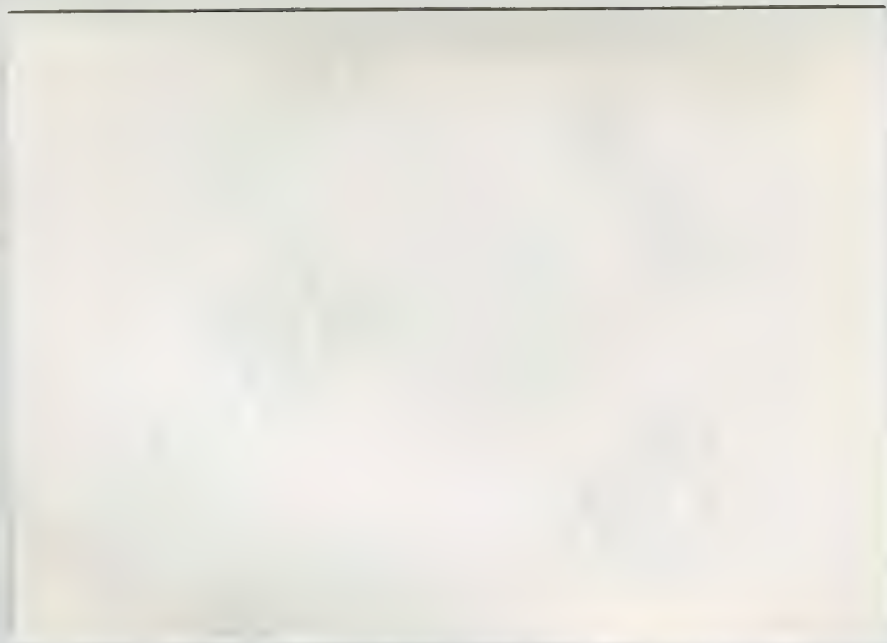
















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68990

APPLICATION FOR IOWA RETAIL CIGARETTE PERMIT

Please return by
June 4th Council
meeting.

\$75.00

I (or We) hereby make application for a permit to sell cigarettes:

NAME AND TITLE OF BUSINESS BOLL'S STORENATURE OF BUSINESS RETAIL PHONE 289-5336MAIL ADDRESS 428 RIVER DRIVE PRINCETON IOWA
STREET, AVENUE OR R. F. D. CITY OR TOWN STATECOUNTY OF SCOTT, IOWA, SAID PREMISES MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED

AS LOT OR SEC. _____ TWP. _____ RANGE _____

TYPE OF OWNERSHIP: INDIVIDUAL X PARTNERSHIP _____ CORPORATION _____NAME OF OWNER MERLIN BOLL 504 THIRD ST. PRINCETON, IOWA
NAME ADDRESS STATENAME OF PARTNERS _____
NAME ADDRESS STATECORPORATION _____
NAME ADDRESS STATECORPORATION _____
NAME ADDRESS STATELIST TWO OFFICERS _____
NAME ADDRESS STATE_____
NAME ADDRESS STATE

If application is approved and permit granted, I (or We) do hereby bind ourselves to a faithful observance of the laws governing the sale of cigarettes. I (or We) also state and affirm under oath, that I (or We) have not had a cigarette permit revoked for violation of the cigarette law in any place in the State of Iowa during the last year.

SIGNATURE OF OWNERS: Merlin Bollpermit sticker #
08101

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS MATERIAL RETAILERS PERMIT

Licensee named below is licensed to sell Household Hazardous Material at the location indicated. Household Hazardous Material is defined by the Natural Resources in accordance with chapter 455F, Code of Iowa.

1-82-013087 2

BOLL, MERLIN J

BOLLS STORE

RIVER DRIVE

PRINCETON

IA 52768

THIS PERMIT EXPIRES

JUNE 30, 1998

Issued by the Iowa Department of Revenue
and Finance, Hoover State Office Building
Des Moines, Iowa 50306.

8504679 2370

POST IN CONSPICUOUS PLACE

NONTRANSFERABLE

STATE OF IOWA

IOWA DEPARTMENT OF INSPECTIONS AND APPEALS

DES MOINES

FEE \$ 50.00

NO.FE 82-0000526

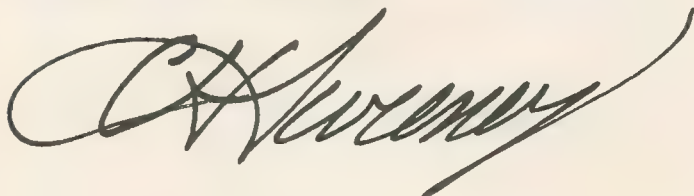
FOOD ESTABLISHMENT LICENSE

Boll's
Merlin J. Boll
428 River Drive
Princeton, Iowa 52768

THE AFORESAID, HAVING DEPOSITED THE REQUIRED FEE, IS HEREBY GRANTED THE ABOVE LICENSE PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 137A, CODE OF IOWA. THIS LICENSE SHALL REMAIN IN FULL FORCE FROM THE DATE OF ISSUE UNTIL ITS EXPIRATION DATE, UNLESS REVOKED OR SUSPENDED FOR CAUSE BY THE DIRECTOR OF INSPECTIONS AND APPEALS FOR NONCOMPLIANCE WITH CHAPTER 137A, CODE OF IOWA OR RULES PROMULGATED PURSUANT THERETO.

DATE OF ISSUE August 05, 1996.

Expiration Date: August 31, 1997



DIRECTOR



POST IN CONSPICUOUS PLACE

NONTRANSFERABLE

STATE OF IOWA

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE & LAND STEWARDSHIP

FEE \$ 27.00

DES MOINES

WEIGHING AND MEASURING DEVICE LICENSE

NO. 5798

BOLLS STORE
428 RIVER DR
PRINCETON, IA 52768

HAVING DEPOSITED THE REQUIRED FEE, IS GRANTED THE ABOVE LICENSE
PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 214, CODE OF IOWA. THIS LICENSE SHALL REMAIN IN FULL
FORCE FROM THE DATE OF ISSUE UNTIL ITS EXPIRATION DATE, UNLESS REVOKED OR
SUSPENDED FOR CAUSE BY THE SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE FOR NONCOMPLIANCE WITH
CHAPTER 214, CODE OF IOWA OR RULES ADOPTED PURSUANT THERETO.

DATE OF ISSUE 11/6/96

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EXPIRATION
DATE 12/31/97

CAPACITY OF DEVICE

CLASS NO.

0 THRU 500 LBS	(A) = 3
501 LBS THRU 5000 LBS	(B) = 0
5001 LBS THRU 50000 LBS	(C) = 0
50001 LBS THRU 120000 LBS	(D) = 0
OVER 120000 LBS	(E) = 0

MOISTURE METERS

0

Deke M. Gehlan

SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE
AND LAND STEWARDSHIP

197411

this is your

BALL-BAND STORE

where

courteous service
and
quality
come first



July 18, 1963

THE DAILY TIMES

Princeton Keeps Its Community Center

By H. G. KRUWELL

In 1928 the building, originally planned for three stories, stood unfinished on Princeton's River Drive a source of worry to many people in the community. What was to become of this building, and why couldn't it be completed and turned to use for the community?

That question was answered in a concrete form when a group of public spirited Princeton citizens got together, formed the Community Building Co. and took over the unfinished structure.

First officers of the company were Herman Kroeger, president, A. H. Schmalz, vice president, Z. G. Suiter, secretary and William Mess, treasurer.

The building was purchased with stock bought by more than 50 stockholders amounting to more

than \$6,000, according to early records.

A contract was awarded in the amount of \$5,897 to Daniel Harring Co., of Clinton, to complete the building. It was made into a two-story building with two store rooms on the ground floor and a large auditorium on the second.

Costs

Wiring of the completed building cost \$123.50; two furnaces \$700, plumbing and appliances \$450, cementing the basement and building partitions \$425 and curtains for auditorium \$105. The building was insured for \$6,000.

The grand opening of the completed building was a gala event of Nov. 22, 1928. More than 600 people attended the dinner marking the event. For this dinner 100

chickens, six bushels of potatoes, 48 cans of peas, about \$2 in baked beans, seven 2 - quart jars of pickles, 14 glasses of jelly, 80 dozen buns, two dozen heads of cabbage, seven quarts of salad dressing, 10 pounds of coffee, seven gallons of cream, 35 pounds of butter and 100 pies were served. Mrs. H. Kroeger was chairman for the dinner and wives of the directors helped.

At the first annual meeting of the company on Jan. 22, 1929, it was revealed that the company had spent \$10,999.95 in purchasing and completing the building and there was a cash balance of \$121.63 on hand.

Henry Boll rented the hall starting June 13, 1929 to show motion pictures at a flat rate of \$10 per

night. This continued for some time, records show.

The school board of Princeton used the building in 1937 for 25 weeks for the sum of \$200 flat. The board used the hall also for plays and practices and for two 40-minute periods each week for 25 weeks for physical training.

In January 1963, H. W. Boll made an offer to the company officers to purchase all outstanding stock and this has been done.

Now the Community Building Co. which did a real service for the community of Princeton, has gone from the scene, but the result of fine community cooperation still remains. The store is the center of community life and the hall is still used for meetings of various sports.

life and personality of Henry Boll, in this familiar close-up behind the Princeton.

NSP PHOTOS



By Harold Kruwell

This is the building that community cooperation provided for Princeton in 1928 after it had stood unfinished for some time. It is now owned and operated by H. W. Boll for his department store and the upstairs auditorium.

BOLL'S STORE: A PRINCETON TRADITION

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PEOPLE

Thursday, Dec. 7, 1972

The Times
Davenport

It's all work and no pay now for Henry (Heinie) Boll, but that's the way he wants it. He "retired" eight years ago from the Princeton, Iowa general store he founded 50 years ago, but just can't stay away. (Staff Photo)



A river town will offer thanks to the general store owner who has fed and served them for half-a-century.

Our Neighbors

By Jim Arpy

Henry W. (Heinie) Boll works 12 hours a day in a Princeton, Iowa grocery store and doesn't make a dime. It's strictly a labor of love now for 73-year-old Boll, who opened his general store 50 years ago and turned over the management to his son, Merlin, when he "retired" eight years ago.

"I COULDN'T stand to sit around the house. Besides all the customers are my friends and stop to talk," says Boll, who is in the well-stocked store daily from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.

To mark the 50th year of Boll's General Merchandise store, Zion Lutheran Church of Princeton will express members' appreciation for its contribution to the community with an open house for the owners on Dec. 13.

"We're having a 'Heinie Boll Night' to honor the man who has meant so much to this community," said the Rev. Alan Henderson, pastor of Zion Lutheran. His store is our oldest business, and in his lifetime I figure he must have fed at least half the county."

The tribute to Boll will be at 7:30 p.m., and friends are invited.

Boll, a big man whose face creases in frequent smiles, got an early start in his chosen profession. He was just 14 when he began working in a Plainview, Iowa grocery store.

"THAT MEANT getting up at 5 a.m. and milking the horses. Then I'd eat breakfast, and two or three times a week drive to Dixon five miles away to meet the train. We'd trade other items for things like butter, eggs and chicken and send them on into Davenport," he recalls.

Still in his teens, Boll attended Brown's Business College in Davenport, taking a course in bookkeeping and shorthand.

"My first job was taking down the proceedings of the Woodman's World Convention in Davenport in 1917. I typed it up and got \$25 for it," he says.

He worked for the People's Light & Power Co. in Davenport for a while, then, wishing to try his wings, went to New Orleans and worked for a year-and-a-half as a

stenographer and bookkeeper for the Shell Oil Co.

The illness of his father called him back to Dixon, and when his father died Boll stayed on, working in Grover Meyer's grocery store in Mayville.

There was still a touch of wanderlust which took him again to New Orleans, and then on to California, but in four months Boll was back in his home territory.

"MY DAD WAS a farmer, but I kind of liked the grocery business," he explains. He was 22 years old in 1922 when a friend offered to let him rent and operate a store in Princeton. The store at that time was located next door in a large community building which Boll now owns.

During the depression of the thirties, which had no serious effect on business, Boll tore out the wall of an adjoining building and doubled the size of his store building.

He carried the items common to general stores of the period, horse collars, curry combs, poultry feed, and articles like coffee, sugar, dried prunes, and cookies in bulk.

Today, in addition to groceries, the store offers such diverse merchandise as shoes, magazines, sundries, yarn, greeting cards, belts, socks, mattress ticking, caps, ribbons, pots and pans, overalls, and hardware items. For the past 20 years it has been the only grocery store in Princeton.

"When my son, Merlin, got out of the Army, I was ready to retire and turn the store over to him. I went on Social Security, so I won't take any pay even though he often wants to give it to me. I let him if I need any money I'll let him know," Boll chuckles. "I just enjoy being here."

"I remember when farmers used to bring in country butter to sell. That's one thing I'm glad we don't have to foot with. And every farmer used to have eggs. Now I only know of about three who still have eggs."

"WE RAN CREDIT during the depression and still do. Some people were out of work and just couldn't pay their bills. I told them we'd just let the old bill stand until they could pay it and put their new purchases on another bill and they could pay it off as best they could. Almost all of them took care of everything when they got on their feet again," Boll recalls.

Some of his original customers of a half century ago still trade with him regularly, as do their children and grandchildren. He estimates he supplies the grocery needs of about one-third of the community.

"I didn't carry any meat when I first started, but finally I had to because there just weren't any butcher shops left," Boll says.

He pulls some faded 40-year-old sale cards out of a drawer. Pork chops were

selling for 10 cents a pound and steak was two pounds for a quarter. Hogs were then selling for 2½-cents a pound.

"LOOK," HE says, "at that time salmon was 22 cents a can. It's about \$1.39 now. A pound can of coffee was 24 cents, compared to 99 cents now. Peas were three cans for 25 cents. Today they'd be about 60 cents. And you could buy a 49-pound bag of flour for \$2.19. Today's price is about \$4.50."

Boll says one reason his store has survived in an era when privately-owned stores have failed by the hundreds is that his prices are competitive with the supermarkets.

"We're even cheaper on some items," he notes.

The store continued business as usual even during the Great Flood of 1965 when the Mississippi, which flows by a stone's throw away, crept right up to the sidewalk in front of the building.

"Customers just parked up on the highway and came in the back door. It didn't bother us much," Boll says.

HIS WIFE, the former Selma Stadtmueller of Monticello, Iowa, whom he married 48 years ago, helps out in the store for a few hours on Saturdays and Boll insists she be paid.

"When my kids worked in the store I always told them to keep track of their hours and they got paid for it," he adds. In addition to his son, Boll has a daughter, Mrs. Leone Kosman, Ottumwa, Iowa.

One facet of the store's operation is unchanged. Free deliveries are still made. Boll recalls that he made his first deliveries in a Model T Ford with side curtains.

"In the old days, we had to make up most of the orders. A man would come in with a list his wife had made out for him and hand it to us. Then he'd go out for a beer or a haircut and when he got back his order would be all ready for him," Boll remembers.

"We used to get vinegar, linseed oil and turpentine in 50-gallon barrels. Everything was bulk almost, almost no canned goods."

The store still sells poultry and rabbit feeds, though these are no longer the big item they used to be.

"We used to carry things like Tanglefoot fly paper, the kind you would pull out all sticky and the cat would stop into. When fly sprays came out it killed flypaper overnight," Boll says.

"IT'S BEEN a pleasure to be in business here," he says, waving a big arm toward the front windows, through which the river can be seen sparkling in the morning sunlight.

"We've got the best damned view you could want, and the customers have always been real nice people."



Boll's Store: A Princeton Tradition

By Bessie Sierk

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A cement floored dining room with commodious kitchen occupied the basement. On the first floor are two fine store buildings, one of which is already rented to H.W. Boll who will move his grocery stock therein.

The second floor is an auditorium with finely equipped stage and elegant dance floor. The room is finished with hardwood floor, beamed ceiling, woodwork in dark oak, side pull stage curtains and overhang of Spanish velvet. The interior is artistic and will meet the requirements of a large

clientele. Since the entire building is 46 x 76 feet, an idea of its splendid service can be looked forward to.

Officers of the 1928 Community Building Company were: President-Kerman Kroeger; vice-present-A.H. Schmalz; secretary-Z.G. Suiter; treasurer-William Mess. Directors were officers and J.C. DuCray, Henry Holst and Frank McKnight.

Now back to 1976--the Community Building Company did meet the requirements of a large clientele. Chicken suppers, dances, plays, institutes, schoolroom and anniversary parties.

But times have changed! Since the building was purchased by Mr. Boll about 14 years ago, extensive remodeling was done on first floor and an additional supply room built on the back.

The 1928 officers have all passed on, dances and chicken suppers are no more, but--Heinie Boll and Princeton are still synonymous!

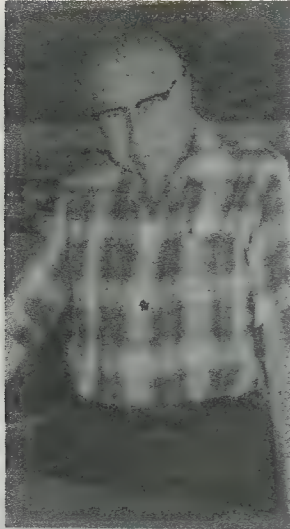


FAMILIAR LANDSCAPE -- The landscape of Princeton wouldn't be the same without the two-story brick building on River Drive which has served Bolls over the years.

NSP PHOTO



1977



Henry Boll

Henry W. "Heinie" Boll, 78, owner and operator of Boll's Grocery Store in Princeton since 1922, died Sunday, May 22 at his home of an apparent heart attack.

Funeral services were held at 3 p.m. Tuesday at the McGinnis Chapel, Bettendorf. The Rev. Larry Lindmark, pastor of Zion Lutheran Church, Princeton, officiated.

Burial was in Memorial Park Cemetery, Davenport. Pallbearers were Homer Johnson, Waldo Jones, Emil Drechsler, Harold Woomert, Joe Wilkinson and Myron Suiter.

Henry Boll was born in Dixon on Feb. 23, 1899 to Johannes and Bertha Wulf Boll. He married Selma Stadtmuller in Monticello on Jan. 15, 1925. She preceded him in death on Aug. 7, 1974.

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He turned the management of the store over to his son, Merlin, in 1964 but continued to help part time with the business.

He was a 50-year member of Snow Lodge AF & AM, LeClaire.

Survivors include a daughter, Mrs. Donald (Leone) Kosman, Ottumwa; a son, Merlin, Princeton, and two grandchildren.

Princeton

Mrs. Henry W. Boll

Services for Mrs. Henry W. Boll, 73, of Princeton, who died in her home Tuesday night, will be 3 p.m. Friday at McGinnis Chapel, Bettendorf.

Burial will be in Davenport Memorial Park.



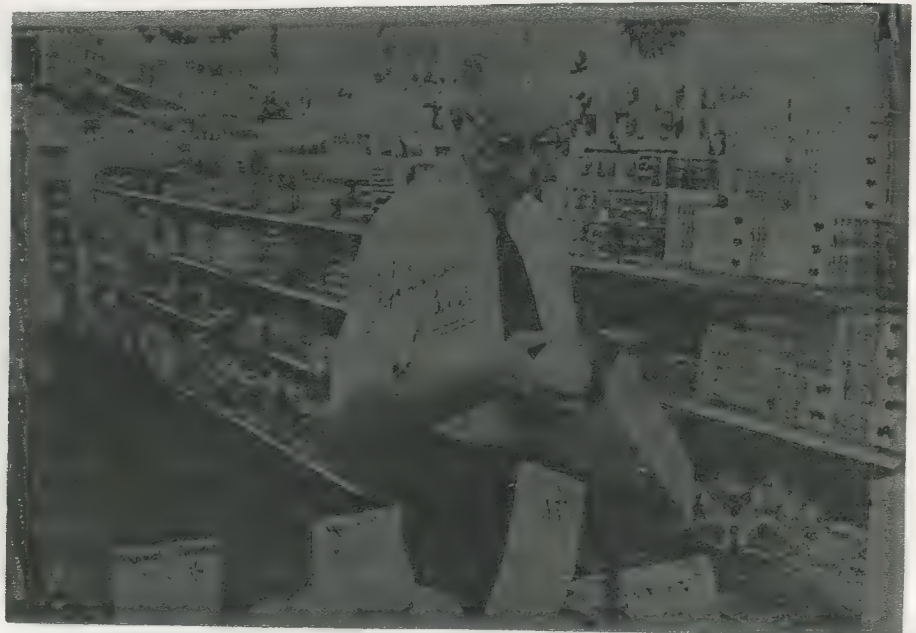
Selma Boll

Visitation is after 4 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Mrs. Boll was associated with Boll Store in Princeton for many years.

Selma L. Stadtmueller was born in Monticello, Iowa. She married Henry W. Boll there in 1925.

Survivors include her husband; a daughter, Mrs. Donald (Leone) Kosman, Ottumwa; a son, Merlin, Princeton; two grandchildren, and sisters, Mrs. Ada Mann, Miss Emma Stadtmueller and Miss Mary Stadtmueller, all of Washington, D.C.



YOU'RE INVITED TO JOIN THE FUN!

- To enter the parade, contact Gloria Allen, City Clerk. The categories are: antique cars, buckboards, wagons, floats, horses, marching groups, and individual.
- To display or sell handicrafts, contact City Hall for free table reservations.
- To enter the soap box derby, pick up entry form and regulations at the Princeton library or from Myrna Doyle.

THIS CELEBRATION IS POSSIBLE BECAUSE OF THE SUPPORT OF THE FOLLOWING GROUPS:

Princeton Boy Scout Troop No. 30
Princeton Brownies and Girl Scouts
Princeton Girls' 4-H
Princeton Horsemen's Association
Princeton Men's Civic Club
Princeton Volunteer Fire Department
Princeton Women's Civic Club
Our Lady of the River Catholic Church
Princeton Presbyterian Church
Zion Lutheran Church

PARKING SPACE

Is available in the lot south of City Hall

IN CASE OF RAIN

Church services and SAC Band Concert will be held at Virgil Grissom School Gym

FIRST AID STATIONS

Emergency first aid will be available at Water Tower Park and the Civic Center

Programs Courtesy of Farmers Savings Bank

Bicentennial Celebration

PRINCETON, IOWA

Saturday, July 17th &
Sunday, July 18th, 1976



Featuring
The Strategic Air Command Band





WARRANTY DEED

Know All Men by These Presents: That Leone V. Kosman and Donald Kosman, her husband,

in consideration of the sum of One Dollar and Other Valuable Consideration in hand paid do hereby Convey unto Merlin J. Boll

Grantees' Address: Princeton, Iowa 52768

the following described real estate, situated in Scott County, Iowa, to-wit:

An undivided one-half interest in and to:

Lot 5 and the North Half of Lot 4 in Block 12, Elizabeth City, now Princeton, Scott County, Iowa.

Lot 1, Block 3, Elizabeth City, now Princeton, Scott County, Iowa.

This deed is given pursuant to the Order of the Iowa District Court for Scott County dated August 22, 1978 providing for a distribution of the assets of the Henry W. Boll Estate, Scott County Probate No. 44460, in kind and therefore no transfer stamp is attached.

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\$5.00 paid

FEE
RECORDER Richard J. Hagen
SCOTT COUNTY, IOWA

Recording Fee \$3.00

Transfer Fee \$2.00

And the grantors do Hereby Covenant with the said grantees, and successors in interest, that said grantors hold said real estate by title in fee simple; that they have good and lawful authority to sell and convey the same; that said premises are Free and Clear of all Liens and Encumbrances Whatsoever except as may be above stated; and said grantors Covenant to Warrant and Defend the said premises against the lawful claims of all persons whomsoever, except as may be above stated.

Each of the undersigned hereby relinquishes all rights of dower, homestead and distributive share in and to the described premises.

Words and phrases herein including acknowledgment hereof shall be construed as in the singular or plural number, and as masculine or feminine gender, according to the context.

Signed this 11th day of August, 1978

STATE OF IOWA,

COUNTY OF SCOTT

ss.

Leone V. Kosman
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Donald Kosman
Donald Kosman

On this 11th day of August, 1978 before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, personally appeared Leone V. Kosman
and Donald Kosman, her husband,

264 E. Manning

Ottumwa, Iowa 52501

(Grantors' address)

to me known to be the identical persons named in and who executed the foregoing instrument, and acknowledged that they executed the same as their voluntary act and deed.

Robert D. Wells

Robert D. Wells Notary Public in and for said County and State



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STATE OF _____ COUNTY, ss:
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~~X~~ JB TO _____

Entered upon transfer books and for taxation
this _____ day of AUG 24 1978, 19____

KAREN L. HIZSON Auditor

By Helene Feyen Deputy

Filed for record, indexed and delivered to
County Auditor this _____ day
of _____, 19____
at _____ o'clock _____ M., and recorded in
Book _____ of _____, on page _____
of _____ County Records
Recorder's and Auditor's Fee \$ _____ PAID.

Recorder
By _____ Deputy

WHEN RECORDED RETURN TO

\$ 6.00
W.B.A.S.

R. KENNETH PERRY
52 BERRY ROAD PARK
ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI 63122

27 October 1995

Postmaster
Princeton
IA 52768

Dear Princeton Postmaster:

This may sound like a strange request but perhaps you will be able to help me.

With 1996 marking the 250th anniversary of the founding of Princeton University in New Jersey, I am contemplating a project about Princetons in the United States. (I am a 1950 Princeton graduate, now retired.) If all goes well, my wife and I wish to visit all 21 of them.

As a start I would like to obtain some background about your Princeton. Do you have information about its founding, history, population, businesses, local newspaper or nearest paper carrying local news, lodging, restaurants especially for breakfast, etc. that you could send me? If not, will you pass this request to another agency in town who could honor my request?

Thank you very much for your help.

Sincerely,

R. K. Perry
R. Kenneth Perry

MR. & MRS. R. K. PERRY
52 BERRY ROAD PARK
SAINT LOUIS MO 63122



POSTMASTER
PRINCETON, IA 52768

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PM*



Mr.R.Kenneth Perry
52 Berry Road Park
St.Louis, Mo. 63122

copy
Princeton, Iowa
November 1st, 1995

Dear R.Kenneth Perry,

Hello, from Princeton, Iowa! Our local postmaster gave me your letter. It sounds like you and your wife have an interesting project for 1996!

Princeton, Iowa is a small town of about 1,000 people. We are right on the Mississippi River. We have about a dozen businesses, a library, a grade school, a public boat ramp, 2 private marinas, volunteer fire station, civic center, town hall, and 3 parks. We do not have a newspaper, the closest is The North Scott Press in Eldridge, Iowa. Our only lodging place is a bed & breakfast called "Woods & Meadows in rural Princeton. The closest motels would be in Clinton, Iowa or Bettendorf, Iowa. We have 2 bar/restuarants on River Drive and a small cafe on Highway 67 that serves breakfast.

There are local history books at our library. I'm currently the local historian if you need any detailed information write again.

In modern history folks started settling in our area in 1835. The town was 1st called Pinnacle Point, then an adjoining area Elizabeth City. In 1858 we were incorporated as Princeton. There is not a clue in our historical records as to why we were named Princeton.

Sincerely,

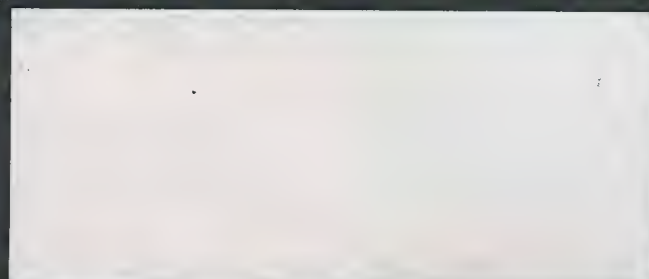
Penne Miller

P.S. Here's some local event info enclosed.

Penelope (Penne) Miller
sec./treasurer
PRINCETON DAYS COMMITTEE
P.O.Box 398
424 River Drive
Princeton, Iowa 52768-0398

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Civil War Historian
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**WHAT'S THE MATTER WITH
HISTORY?**

Class of 1950

PRINCETON UNIVERSITY

13 December 2001

Dear Merlin,

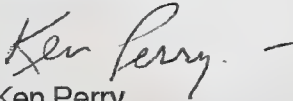
How thoughtful of you to keep in touch.

My apologies for not acknowledging your kindness in sending me the photo of high water in May. I well remember the building and actually have a photo of it in my Princeton album. Hard to believe from our July visit to your Princeton that the river could rise so high.

Got a surprise early this year when the Trenton (NJ) Times called us in St. Louis about an article covering our Princeton travels. Enclosed is a copy. Also a copy of the Princeton (University) Alumni Weekly (1/22/97) which includes an article about our odyssey. Note the photo of us at the entrance to Princeton, Iowa. (Excuse me if I sent you this article earlier.)

Happy holidays.

Best regards,


Ken Perry

August 3

Dear Merlin,

We loved our "tour"
of your building. What an
amazing place! What history!
If that room could talk, what
tales it would tell!

Thanks again.

Larrie and Ken Perry





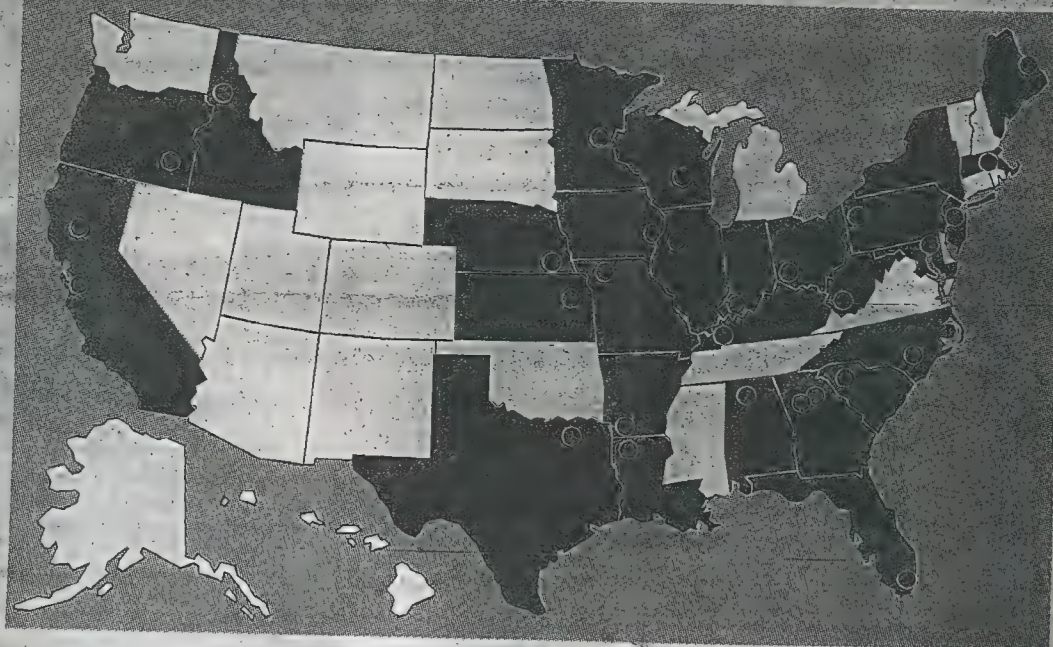
The Perrys relax in their summer home in Rockport, Mass. Ken, a Princeton University graduate, and Garie Perry covered 24,093 miles in their search for the country's other Princetons. Photo by Lisa Po

Destination: Princetons

As alumni gather at Princeton University today for reunion activities, Ken and Garie Perry reflect on a yearlong sojourn to every Princeton in the country.

By MICHELE COOPER
Special to The Times

Princetons across the U.S.A. . . .



Times graphic by Laura Sommerville

It all started quite by accident, when Ken and Garie Perry passed a sign that read "Princeton, Wisconsin," while visiting friends in the Midwest. Naturally, Ken Perry, an alumnus of Princeton University (Class of '50) took advantage of the photo opportunity. However, a grand idea was also sparked in the retired chemical engineer's mind, which he discussed with his wife over breakfast.

"Let's do this right," Perry said to his wife, Garie. "We're going to visit all the Princetons."

Back at their home outside St. Louis, the Perrys did a little homework before setting

out on their odyssey. They recalled an article in the Princeton Alumni Weekly from 1967, something about misdirected mail that the university had received. The article mentioned 27 other towns, villages and boroughs in the country named Princeton. A little more research and the Perrys came up with a total of 32 Princetons.

Next, they wrote to the postmasters of each of these "other" Princetons, at least those that had postmasters, to find out as much as they could ahead of time: history, population, interesting facts, hotel accommodations and restaurants. With the help of AAA and Rand McNally, they mapped out their route, packed

their suitcases and, beginning in January 1996, they climbed into their Buick Century a couple of times a month. Destination: Princeton.

A year later, they had covered 24,093 miles in 62 days on the road, spending about 24 hours in every Princeton, "or as long as we could stay," said Ken Perry.

For those towns that didn't respond to their inquiries, "we just showed up."

They visited Princeton, Minn.; Princeton, W. Va.; Princeton, Fla.; Princeton, Neb. — all 32 Princetons from coast to coast, from sea to shining sea. Half of the towns had populations

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under 1,000; some were little more than crossroads. All afforded the Perrys a "real microcosm of small-town America." "I come from a small town," says Perry. "It was fun getting back and touching base... it was a wonderful adventure and odyssey of visiting small town America."

Appropriately, they wound up the year in December with a visit to the original Tigertown, the "real" Princeton in Central New Jersey. The fact that 1996 was the 250th anniversary of Princeton University was just one of those happy coincidences.

Why such an unusual junket? The obvious motivation, was Ken Perry's love of his alma mater. (Only Ken Perry went to Princeton University; Garie went to Mount Holyoke College.) But, they admitted, the real reason was breakfast. "We love to go out to breakfast... we've had breakfast in every Princeton in the country. That was our theme, breakfast in Princeton," says Perry. That's a lot of sausage and gravy, pancakes and home fries, but there was also plenty of food for thought. Thirteen of the Princetons were named after the borough, the university or the 1777 battle. Nine had high schools with tiger mascots; some, such as Princeton, Minn., even adopted the colors of orange and black.

The highest Princeton was in Oregon at 4,000 feet above sea level, the lowest in Florida has an elevation of 10 feet above sea level. The smallest was Nebraska with a population of only 30. The youngest Princeton they found was in Maryland, incorporated in 1940.

The largest, and the oldest, Princeton is the borough, settled in 1724 with a population of about 2,000.

That's where the Perrys had their last Princeton-based breakfast, at Lowrie House with former university President Harold T. Shapiro. "We did have some coffee and doughnuts in the township, too," says Perry.

In all 32 Princetons, the Perrys made friends who shared their town's stories. They even received some advice about checking out those stories.

In Princeton, Ark. (population 80), for example, the

Perrys met Mr. Coleman. His wife had died a few years before and, at the age of 95, Mr. Coleman had just stopped commuting to the town where he used to be the director of the bank. When Garie Perry asked him for some interesting stories about their town, he simply answered, "yeah, stories and lies."

The Perrys took that bit of advice with them to one of their next stops, Princeton, Neb. There the townsfolk told them the history of a small brick building which had been moved when the town widened a road to four lanes. "Some of the people there were convinced that the bank had been robbed by Jesse James," says Ken Perry. The Perrys research revealed that the building wasn't built until 30 years after that. "Myth is more powerful than history," said Ken, borrowing a quote from one of his favorite writers, Roger Fulghum. "When you read the stories of any of these little towns, it's always best to check the accuracy."

When they arrived in each town, the Perrys would talk with the town historian to find out how the town came to be named Princeton. They also checked out the town's archives, spent time with residents, visited the cemeteries, read the local newspapers and, of course, stopped for breakfast. "We had a check list," says Perry.

Princeton, Ill., they discovered was one of the towns named after Princeton University, but only after some infighting among a committee. It seems there were some Congregationalists from Massachusetts who wanted to use the name of their home town. The tie-breaker turned out to be the committee person who just happened to be from New Jersey. In Princeton, Neb., it was much the same story.

In Princeton, Mich., they were interviewed for the local paper. In Princeton, Ga., they saw the ruins of an old mill. Princeton, W.Va., was named for the Battle of Princeton.

Princeton, Fla., was founded by Gaston "Duck" Drake (Class of 1894) who started a lumber company there and painted all his buildings orange and black.

Writing ahead to the postmaster really paid off when the Perrys arrived in Princeton, Idaho, a town of about 80, 10 miles east of Harvard. That's in terms of breakfast rather than lore.

"The Postmaster there, Glenna, welcomed us with open arms," says Perry. Not only did she direct the Perrys to a nice bed and breakfast near Potlatch, she promised them a "proper breakfast" the next morning.

When they arrived at the post office — no more than a 20 by 20-foot square building — the following morning, they found Glenna and her daughter with coffee brewing, the orange juice poured and potatoes, bacon and eggs frying.

Glenna's 80-year-old father had even baked bread. It was all laid out on the sorting table and they feasted together.

Princeton, S.C., was originally named Triangle, the Perrys learned.

Apparently someone thought that name wasn't sophisticated enough and lobbied to have it changed. There they got to know Joe McCullough, a retired farmer who invited the couple to stay at his home.

"He told us he had seven bedrooms, but that he didn't cook," says Perry. And so they took Joe out to dinner. "He was a widower with seven children grown and gone... the kids' names were still all on the mailbox," says Perry, adding that their host wept as he told them about the deaths of his two wives.

"Joe had a gun strapped to his waist when we got there... he was also the game warden," Ken Perry said.

"We had lots of choices on bedrooms... we felt well-protected."

The Perrys travels are fully documented in "two bulging photo albums" filled with snapshots of the couple in every one of the 32 Princetons they visited.

There are pictures of the Perrys with cooks and waitresses, B&B hosts, a University president, postmasters (in front of and in back rooms with bacon), mayors and police chiefs, under Princeton road signs, or simple cross road signs, in front of schools and churches.

It's all written down, too — 32 separate slices of Americana, as told to them by librarians, historians, chamber of commerce officials, county and town officers, senior citizens, motel proprietors, restaurateurs and newspaper reporters. What to do with all these memories? "I'm going to write a book someday," says Perry.

The Perrys' penchant for traveling to places named Princeton has ceased, at least for now. Although they still go out to breakfast a lot.

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If it's breakfast, this must be Princeton ...

DATELINE: Princeton, somewhere — Of all the odysseys of the summer, the wanderings of Ken and Garie Perry deserve something of a golden road map and eggs-over-easy award. The Perrys are having breakfast in every city in the United States with the name of "Princeton."

They were in Princeton, Iowa, the other day, breakfasting at the Sunrise Cafe on Lost Grove Road. "That is a delightful little city," Ken says, "the only Princeton we have found on a river."

Thirty states have cities or hamlets named Princeton. In those states, there are 32 known Princetons, some so small that you would drive through and miss them if you sneezed or blinked your eyes. But why visit all those Princetons,



Bill Wundram

and why breakfast?

Ken Perry is a graduate of Princeton University, a retired chemical engineer. His wife's degree is in romance languages. Together, they have made 14 trips to China as instructors. "We

thought it was time to take a good look at America. We chose to find all the Princetons because I graduated from Princeton University," Ken says. "We needed a purpose to travel, and this is it, and breakfast is a happy time to meet people."

In their Buick Century, they have traveled 9,000 miles so far in search of Princetons. They figure they are about half-way, and will have at least 20,000 miles involved before they wind up at the end of this year having breakfast with the president of Princeton University. (He has assured them the bacon and eggs will be ready whenever they arrive.) The

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In pursuit of all the Princetons in America

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breakfast thing is important to the travelers. "All the good old boys in the plaid shirts are there early in the morning. They like to talk, and we like to visit with them," Garie Perry says. "Breakfast is a common denominator."

The Perrys are an organized, scholarly couple. They map out sections of the country, usually visiting three states in a designated period, and this whole journey will take about a year. They write the postmaster in a Princeton, wherever it may be, and advise him/her of the date they intend to arrive — always at breakfast time — to give them ample time for the rest of the day to meander around town.

"We have vowed to have breakfast in each Princeton, but some Princetons are so tiny they don't have restaurants," Ken says. "When that happens, we go to the next biggest city and get coffee and doughnuts at a store, bring them back to Princeton, and sit on the curb and have breakfast. People are curious, and pretty soon we all make friends."



Dots on the map show all the known Princetons in America. It will take 20,000 miles to have breakfast in all of them!

The smallest Princeton so far encountered was Princeton, Neb., with 30 people. They ate breakfast in the saloon there, and had a greeting card recently from the bartender. "It's been quite an adventure, a real look at America," Garie says. "When we arrived at Princeton, Idaho, the postmaster was upset that the town didn't have a restaurant. She excused herself, went home and got an electric frying pan and coffee percolator, and served us ham and eggs and fried potatoes and juice, right on the sorting table of the post office. The postmaster was 84-years-old, and the post office was in an old general store. She was one of the nicest people in the world."

The Perrys are home-based at the moment at their home in Rockport, Mass. I tracked them down while they traveled to Princeton, Mo.

Bubbly people, who have a love-affair with small towns, Ken says:

"What we have here is a microcosm of life in America. It was wonderful to visit Merlin, for example, in his store (Boll's General Store) at Princeton, Iowa, and to smell the sweet essence of fish in a smoker. Princeton, Ill., was a lovely city. We visit banks and ball-parks and schools and mingle wherever there are people. At the end of the day I write at least a five-page journal about our visit — sort of a Charles Kuralt type of thing. Maybe I'll put it all in a book." He pauses while we visit over the phone and then laughs:

"At least the books should sell in all the Princetons." The couple began their journeys in Missouri, on a day when the wind chill was 41 below zero. They reasoned that Missouri was a good middle-of-the-road starting point. Through snow and slush, and heat and country road mush, they have tracked down all the Princetons, getting cordial receptions in every place. A few states, like California, have two. One of the long hauls will be to Princeton, Fla., which is near the flower and tomato-growing country of Homestead.

They are not the camping-out type. "We go the motel route. We want comfortable surroundings when it's bedtime," she says.

They firmly intend to wind up their odyssey by December, and have that last Princeton breakfast with their friend, the president of Princeton University.

To remind him of their upcoming visit, they send him a postcard from each Princeton they visit.

Baker whips up 300-pound cake for Clinton

■ President turns 50 today

NEW YORK (AP) — Seth Greenberg had a good reason for skipping his exam at Columbia University on Saturday: He was busy baking a cake for President Clinton's 50th birthday.

"I figure a note from the White House will be a lot better than a note from my mom," Greenberg said.

When he's not studying at, or playing hooky from, Columbia's MBA program, Greenberg is busy being a president in his own right — of the baking division for William Greenberg Jr. Desserts and Cafes Inc.

Greenberg, his father, William, and three other bakers began work on Clinton's birthday

cake Friday morning. They planned to have it finished just in time for the first of three celebrations honoring the president today.

This isn't just any birthday cake, mind you. It has to feed 2,000 FOBs — Friends of Bill — at a midtown party. That party will precede a gala at Radio City Music Hall, which will be followed by a birthday dinner at the Waldorf-Astoria. The president intends to attend all three.

The 300-pound cake's retail price would be \$14,000 — but not for the president's party organizers, said Greenberg, who plans to vote for Clinton.

It will feature 18 layers. "It's made entirely of vanilla pound cake with seedless raspberry preserve between the layers and vanilla butter-

cream on the outside," Greenberg said.

The design for the top of the cake was gestured by Greenberg's mother, Carol. It features a 2-foot-by-4-foot American flag with a little inside each of the 50 stars.

The red and white stripes will list the names of all 50 states.

It will be topped by 8-inch tapered red blue candles.

"They have to be very thin so they can be placed close together — close enough so the president doesn't spend all afternoon blowing them out," Greenberg said.

"Then again," the baker added, laughing, "is a politician so I don't think we'll have any worry about that."



Illinois state fairgoers show their support for Republican presidential candidate Bob Dole.

Dole, Kemp talk agriculture at fair

■ Kansan plays to his farm roots

SPRINGFIELD (AP) — Last year, when Bob Dole was at the Illinois State Fair, former Gov. James R. Thompson summed up what motivated the Republican presidential hopeful to campaign in sauna-like temperatures.

"If they don't come to the Illinois State Fair, they can't be president of the United States," Thompson said. "I mean, that's the rule. That's what Ronald Reagan always told me."

Dole was back Saturday — this time fresh from his party's nomination at the Republican National Convention and with an entourage that included his wife Elizabeth, running mate Jack Kemp, wife Joanne and about 100 reporters.

Dole addressed an afternoon indoor crowd of about 3,000 at the livestock center after morning showers forced campaign aides to decide to have workers hurriedly relocate the entire staging area from the fair director's lawn.

Gov. Jim Edgar, a longtime Dole supporter who was considered by the Kansan as a potential running mate, introduced Kemp and Dole as the best presidential ticket in the country's history.

"Even before the election, they were able to bring rains to the Midwest in August," he

sweat-drenched reporters who were being handed bottles of spring water by Edgar aides.

Dole, in his traditional folksy fair attire of long-sleeved blue shirt and khaki pants, was flanked on the speakers' platform by bales of hay and corn stalks donated by the Illinois Corn Growers Association. Behind him was a canvas-like 20-by-30 foot mural of a farmhouse and fields of grain that an Edgar aide said was like a scene from Kansas in the "Wizard of Oz."

"They don't know agriculture from a bale of straw up here," Dole said in one of his many jobs at President Clinton's administration. "We're going to have a farm friendly president in the White House."

It was no accident that Dole picked Illinois or the fairgrounds for one of his first campaign stops as the GOP nominee. With 22 electoral college votes, Illinois ranks sixth in the nation, but more importantly it is a traditional swing state that no Republican has lost and become president.

"This is a strong indicator that Bob Dole and Jack Kemp are going to compete for Illinois and we expect to see both of them, as well as their wives, a lot between now and November," said Ed Murnane, a senior adviser to the Dole campaign in Illinois.

The setting — at the annual agricultural extravaganza in the heartland of the Midwest in one of country's most important agricultural states — is hard for any national politician — Republican or Democrat — to ignore.

Charles Wheeler, a professor of public affairs reporting at the University of Illinois-Springfield, said the visit helps underscore Dole's message that he wants a return to old-fashioned

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Famed bullfighter dies at 50

MEXICO CITY — Manolo Martinez, one of the greatest Mexican matadors of all time, has died in a southern California hospital, Mexican media reported. He was 50.

Martinez died Friday in La Jolla, Calif., where he had been treated for hepatitis and was awaiting a kidney transplant, the television news program 24 Horas reported.

Martinez dominated the bull ring in the 1960s and 1970s. At the height of his career, he was called "The Chief of the Brave Festival."

He retired in 1982 and became a respected cattleman, occasionally returning to the ring between 1987 and March 1990.

In the Plaza Mexico, the world's biggest bull ring, Martinez won 10 bull fights in one afternoon — more than any bullfighter who appeared there. He also held the plaza's records for having the most bull ears and fought the most bullfights.

Martinez had been gored 10 times. A 1974 injury by the bull "Borachon," or "Drunkard," nearly killed him; he never fully recovered.

Chita Rivera leads 50,000 in Macarena

NEW YORK — Broadway star Chita Rivera led more than 50,000 fans doing the Macarena at Yankee Stadium.

After the fifth inning, Rivera ran out in front of the Yankees' first-base dugout during the Friday night game against the Seattle Mariners.

The Yankees wanted to break the world record for the longest Macarena "line," set by 37,556 at the Kingdome in Seattle during a Mariners game in June.

Five members of the Yankees' grounds crew, who usually perform a routine to "YMCA" while dragging the infield, followed along with Rivera. But Ken Griffey Jr. of the Mariners and many other players just watched and smiled — not dancing to the popular Latin Dance tune song by Los Del Rio.

Carter receives Order of Merit

BUDAPEST, Hungary — It was a crowning achievement of sorts for former President Carter.

He received Hungary's Order of Merit Saturday for fostering bilateral ties — and returning St. Stephen's bejeweled crown, a national symbol.

"Your presidency and your gesture to return our coronation regalia basically changed the relations between our two countries," President Arpad Goncz said at the ceremony.

The crown, perhaps the most potent symbol of Hungary's ancient monarchy and struggles for independence, was confiscated by the Nazis during World War II, then captured by the Americans and stored in the United States until its return to Hungary in 1978.

"I'm happy to see that the country has become free, and the respect of human rights is a great achievement of your freedom," said Carter, who campaigned ardently for human rights in the Soviet bloc during his presidency.

Carter and his wife, Rosalynn, arrived in Hungary last week to help build homes for the Habitat for Humanity foundation.

4 films keep Sarah Jessica Parker busy

NEW YORK — See Sarah run, and run, and run, and run. Sarah Jessica Parker is all over the big screen, with four movies due out this year and another next year.

She plays a husband-stealer in "First Wives Club," which stars Diane Keaton, Bette Midler and Goldie Hawn.

She also appears in "Extreme Measures" with Hugh Grant, in "Mars Attacks!" and "The Substance of Fire."

She's due to appear on Broadway in December in "Once Upon a Mattress," and somewhere she found time to film "Til There Was You," a comedy due out next year.

"I couldn't believe how much work she was doing, and on top of everything, she'd be reading a Henry James novel" between takes, "Til There Was You" director Scott Winant told Entertainment Weekly.

Whitewater is good for Clinton?

NEW YORK — Were Whitewater, Travelgate and Paula Jones all political handicaps? Campaign strategist James Carville thinks they've actually helped President Clinton's image.

"If you go talk to 10 people out there, they'll all tell you, 'One thing about Clinton: He can take a beating,'" Carville says in the Sept. 5 issue of Rolling Stone.

"It's almost like all the piling on has — in the weirdest way — helped him."

Watch out for the extras

NEW YORK — Never let the extras get too involved in their roles. Liam Neeson learned the hard way.

During a scene shot in Ireland for "Michael Collins," the upcoming movie about the founder of the Irish Republican Army, Neeson

and Aidan Quinn had to walk through a mob. "We had some big, burly Irish army soldiers who were playing the British, and they decided to knock me over in every take," Neeson told Entertainment Weekly.

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Illinois Lottery
Pick 3 Midday: 7-1-2
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Iowa Lottery
\$100,000 Cash Game: 3-9-12-22-35
Super Cash Lotto: 2-7-8-20-22-38
Jackpot: \$275,000
Powerball



▲ Clockwise from top left: The Perrys pose in Princeton, Oregon (pop. 100), Alabama (pop. 200), Nebraska (pop. 30), and Iowa (pop. 800).

Princeton in 1940, but it was never developed under that name. Instead, it's part of a subdivision called Andrews Manor, a home for many employees at Andrews Air Force Base; the local grade school is known as Princeton Elementary. The Perrys visited the school, met the principal, and gave a talk to the students.

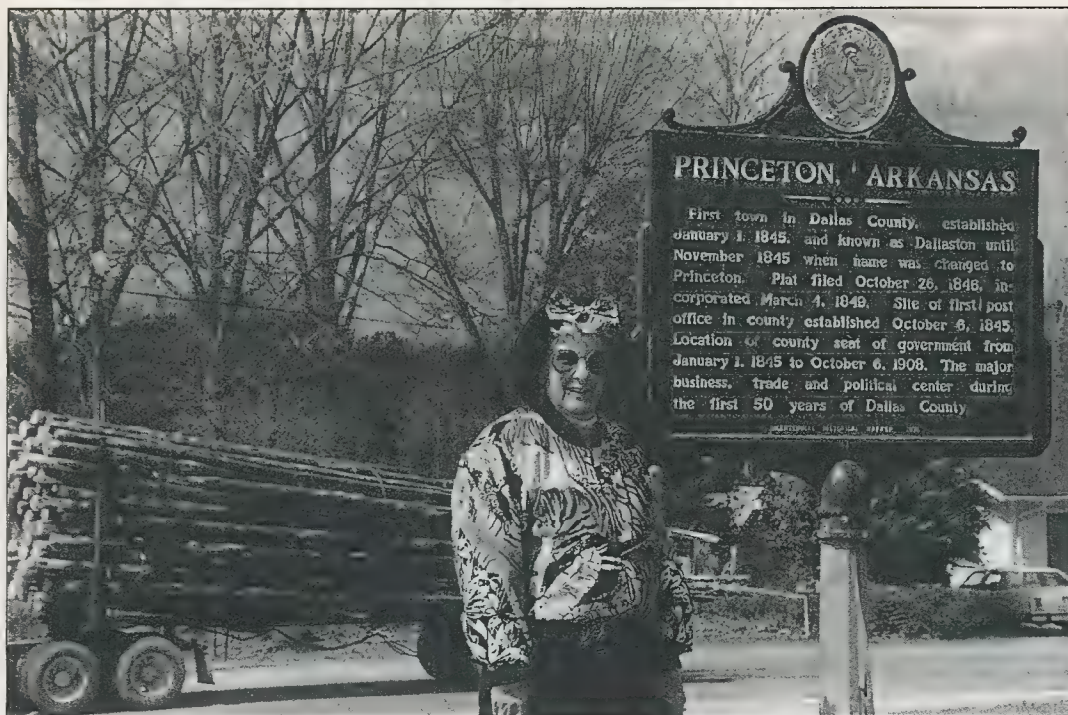
The most difficult Princeton to find was the second of two in Georgia. When the Perrys visited the location 20 miles east of Atlanta, they found no physical traces of a town. But in the Rockdale County Library they learned that a Princeton had existed there many years before.

Ken, who majored in chemical engineering, worked for most of his career at Monsanto, in Springfield, Massachusetts, and St. Louis. In 1985, he says, he received a "golden handshake," and the following year he and Garie began spending part of each year teaching English in China.

The Perrys have no plans to repeat their Princeton pilgrimage, which covered 24,093 miles and cost \$8,000, but they are still considering writing a book about their sausage-and-biscuit ramblings, tentatively titled *A Year in Princeton*.

Lolly O'Brien is PAW's Class Notes editor.

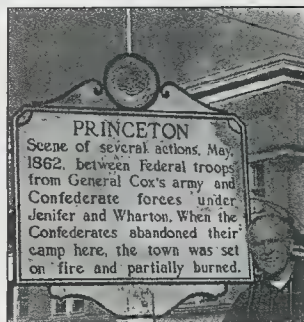
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Left: Garie Perry in Princeton, Arkansas.

Below, from left:

- The U.S.'s 32 Princetons.
- Ken Perry '50 in Princeton, West Virginia. Named for a Revolutionary War battle, the town saw fighting in the Civil War.
- The Perrys in Princeton, Kentucky, which got its name from an early settler.



small for a restaurant, they would have coffee and a sausage biscuit or doughnut while standing by the hood of their car.

In every Princeton, the Perrys took pictures and made friends and news. In Princeton, South Carolina, a local farmer, whom the Perrys had phoned after getting his name from a person who knew a person who knew him, invited them to spend the night at his place. In Princeton, Idaho, the postmaster and her daughter invited the Perrys back to the tiny post office, where they served up eggs and coffee from appliances brought in for the occasion. In Princeton, Louisiana, a taxidermist showed off the 37-foot-long, handmade canoe he uses for taking tourists on gourmet float trips on the local bayou. At least 11 newspapers ran stories on the Perrys' quest. In Princeton, Michigan, a writer was so taken by their story that he produced an eight-page press release and mailed it to newspapers across the country.

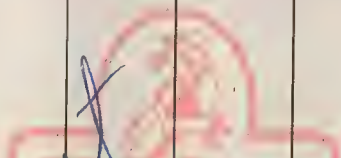
In each Princeton, the Perrys tried to visit (if they existed) the library, cemetery, high school, chamber of commerce, county courthouse, and newspaper. They recorded information on the high school's mascot and colors—nine Princeton high schools have

tigers as mascots, but only one of these, in Minnesota, drapes itself in orange and black. (Three schools have bulldogs as mascots, two have panthers, and two have eagles. Other mascots include a cougar, a mustang, a redbug, a bee, and a dragon.) At the county library in Athens, Georgia, an archivist dug from her files the original letter from James Neville asking for information for his 1967 PAW article. The Perrys found in this part of Georgia the ruins of an old mill called Princeton. The mill's first president had been William Williams, Class of 1806.

Often at local libraries, the Perrys learned of a town's founder and the provenance of its name. Princeton, West Virginia, was named for the Battle of Princeton; the town is located in Mercer County, named after General Hugh Mercer, a Virginian who was killed in the battle. Princeton, Missouri, is also located in a Mercer County (as, of course, is the one in New Jersey). Princeton, Florida, was founded by Gaston "Duck" Drake, Class of 1894, who started a lumber company in Dade County and painted all its buildings orange and black.

Princeton, Maryland, which exists on the Rand McNally map, turned out to have been platted as

Facing page: The Perrys ham it up in Princeton, Minnesota, named for a local lumberman, John S. Prince.

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Princeton's past may help town improve its future

■ Council votes soon on community center

By Doug Schorpp
QUAD-CITY TIMES

PRINCETON, Iowa — The city of Princeton may be going back to the future to preserve its past and invest in its tomorrow.

The city first wanted to tear down its present community center and replace it with a brand new building. Now, the plan is to replace the existing building with a new community center that served as the town's community center long before the present site was used.

It's really not as complicated as it may sound.

The city council is expected to vote this week on a new proposal to purchase the historic Boll general store, which once was used as the town's community center many years ago, and convert it into the new community center.

Mayor David McLaughlin said he will call a special council meeting, possibly for Thursday, when a vote will be taken. He said the community development committee studying the situation has voted 9-1 in favor of purchasing the Boll building.

If the city council approves the plan, it would be a departure from previous plans to build a brand new community center next to where the present center is located.

The mayor said earlier this year that plans were under way to build a new structure to replace the 1911 building that first was used as a small depot. Over the years, the building has been expanded and used first as City Hall and then as the town's primary meeting hall.

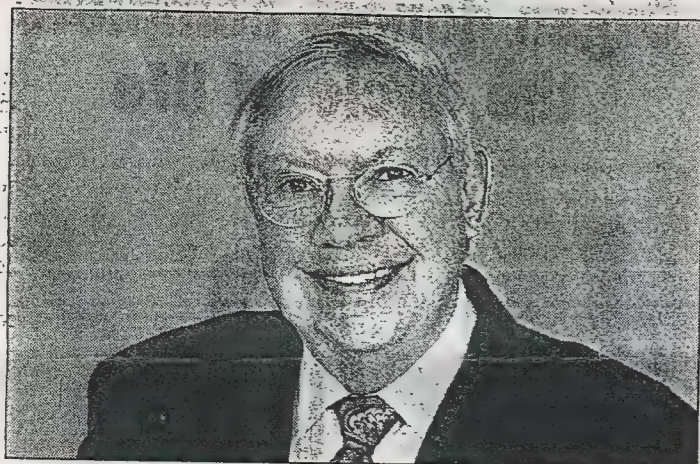
It's a popular spot for the local Lion's Club soup suppers, wedding receptions, or for Rebekah Princeton Lodge's card parties or Girl Scout gatherings. But McLaughlin said it's too small.

Merlyn Boll, who, along with his father before him, has operated the store for decades, plans to retire later this summer. He offered the building to the city, which prompted the special committee to change plans.

"They think the riverfront is the place for it," McLaughlin said. "It has better parking and more square footage. Some of the older folks remember the old (community center) that was built in 1923 or 1924.

"It's a sound building. It has a full basement. The upstairs was the original community center in the city. The upstairs has a stage, basketball hoops for kids to play. The downstairs, the grocery store area, gives us twice the space. The basement, that will be the last thing we would fix up. We think it's great. We hope the majority of the town thinks so."

If all goes well, he expects the center will be completed in six to 10 months.



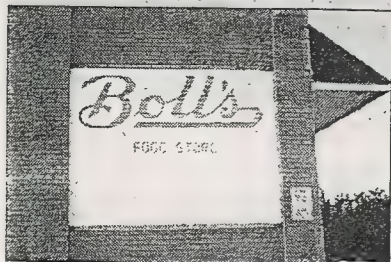
BILL WUNDRAM

With heart, a community buys its 'general store'

PRINCETON, Iowa — Last Friday, everyone driving by Boll's General Store honked. It was Merlin Boll's 70th birthday. Those were sentimental honks, because Merlin Boll is not going to be running the store — with its big front windows and shining view of the Mississippi River — much longer. The community is buying it.

In this age of catalogs and malls, Boll's Store has been unique. It was a place where a man could walk in naked and come out fully clothed, carrying a sack of groceries and enough parts to fix his car or tractor. That is the way of a good general store. *Everything* is sold.

Boll's will be closing soon, and the community of Princeton has such a heartfelt warmth for the extraordinary old building that it has bought it for about \$80,000. It will no longer be a store. It will



become a community center for meetings and play productions and chicken suppers and all good things that happen in a charming small town of about 900 people.

The building, built like a fortress to be a hospital, is indeed as extraordinary as the general store it has housed for about 50 years.

Boll's store is generically Mid-America Gothic....always a place with a "flower list," that is, a paper on the counter where customers mark down how much they wish to donate for flowers for someone from the community who is ill, or deceased. Merlin then orders the flowers. While standing at the counter, I watched Merlin — who also repairs screens and broken window sash and is the butcher — step to the old flip-flop register and flick to a customer's account list. The store still has charge accounts for those who wish, and will carry senior citizens' purchases until Social Security checks arrive. Of course, Boll's has always delivered.

No wonder the community wanted to save the old store building. History certainly walked its way, and generations of roots are within the wooden floors and counters and penny candy cases.

It was built by a Dr. John Knox, who intended it to be a hospital. "Why a hospital, 89 years ago in a small town like Princeton?" questions Penny Miller, the river city's historian. The hospital never worked out, and for 20 years the building languished as a derelict on the riverfront. When Heinie Boll (Merlin's dad) took it over to become a store, the place perked up.

The second floor buzzed as a Princeton community center, which the building — after 10, all these years — it is about to become once again. Merlin led up a flight of wide oak stairs to an auditorium with ticket window and a hard rock maple floor, which enterprising Heinie turned into a roller rink in the 1930s. The building served every community need for generations. School graduations were held there. Professional (?) wrestling matches drew roars that could be heard through open windows half-way across the river. Movies were shown.

"Look up on the stage," Merlin says, through dreamy eyes. The set from the last school performance, staged there perhaps in the 1950s, is still in place.

Dave McLaughlin, Princeton's mayor, says, "We needed a community hall, and could have ended up with a Butler-type building, but decided to buy Boll's store, a place with character."

It was not without debate. Penny Miller, the historian, made a fervent plea to win over the doubters. Before any decision was made, though, an engineering firm inspected the building to be certain it was not ready to fall down. It was found to be sound as a silver dollar, but at the beginning, only the first floor will be used.

Mayor McLaughlin says the deal calls for Merlin Boll to make his building available by Aug. 31. "But we'll wait longer," he says. "Whatever Merlin finds to be considerate."

Life has always been considerate around Boll's General Store. They used to considerately stay open on Saturday nights for one particular customer. He would never come in to buy his groceries until "Gunsmoke" was over at 9:30.



Henry Boll

Henry W. "Heinie" Boll, 78, owner and operator of Boll's Grocery Store in Princeton since 1922, died Sunday, May 22 at his home of an apparent heart attack.

Funeral services were held at 3 p.m. Tuesday at the McGinnis Chapel, Bettendorf. The Rev. Larry Lindmark, pastor of Zion Lutheran Church, Princeton, officiated.

Burial was in Memorial Park Cemetery, Davenport. Pallbearers were Homer Johnson, Waldo Jones, Emil Drechsler, Harold Woomert, Joe Wilkinson and Myron Suiter.

Henry Boll was born in Dixon on Feb. 23, 1899 to Johannes and Bertha Wulf Boll. He married Selma Stadtmuller in Monticello on Jan. 15, 1925. She preceded him in death on Aug. 7, 1974.

He started working in a Plain View grocery store at the age of 14. He later attended Brown's Business College, Davenport, taking courses in bookkeeping and shorthand.

Heinie worked at several jobs in various locations prior to opening Boll's Grocery in 1922. In addition to groceries his store stocked such items as harness and poultry feed. Some of his original customers still traded with him as did their children and grandchildren.

He turned the management of the store over to his son, Merlin, in 1964 but continued to help part time with the business.

He was a 50-year member of Snow Lodge AF & AM, LeClaire.

Survivors include a daughter, Mrs. Donald (Leone) Kosman, Ottumwa; a son, Merlin, Princeton, and two grandchildren.

"Heinie" Boll, in the family's business. Merlin took over after Heinie died in 1977.

Merlin, who never married, had no one to inherit the business, so Boll's Store — the only surviving grocery among several that served the area in the early part of the century — closed at the end of August after nearly three-quarters of a century of operation.

Things went full circle for the building, which formerly served as a community center and which was purchased from Boll by the city for just such a purpose.

Generations of Princeton residents have walked through the doors of the old brick building, its wooden screen door with the old-fashioned spring closing with a familiar "thwack" behind them. With the closing of Boll's Store, residents now must travel several miles to do the weekly shopping.



Boll's Store in Princeton closed in August. Owner Merlin Boll had been behind the counter since 1944.

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A hot time planned in Walcott

The Walcott Fire Department will celebrate its 100th anniversary on Saturday, and firefighters plan to party in style.

The "Centennial Celebration," which is being coordinated by Chief Brian Wells, will take place inside the Walcott Coliseum and the street in front of it.

"We want to celebrate this historic event, but also provide an enjoyable time for those people and groups who have stood behind us in good times and bad," said Phil Roberts, the department's public relations officer. "That support was never more evident than last July 6 (1996), when the Hawkeye Building Distributors fire raged in a square-block area right in the middle of town.

"We still can't get over the number of people who took it upon themselves to get involved that hot afternoon, furnishing cold drinks, wet towels and moral support to exhausted firefighters. Some people even helped lug the heavy fire hoses."

The day will kick-off with a flag-raising ceremony in honor of deceased firefighters at 3 p.m. at the Walcott Post Office.

Walcott Fire Department apparatus will be on display throughout the afternoon. There will be a Fire Safety House demonstration, antique fire truck display, and various fire and safety vendors will have displays.

A Jaws of Life demonstration will be held at 3:30 p.m., and games of chance will get underway at 4 p.m.

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Bye, bye Boll's



Merlin Boll
- Retiring grocer -

NSP Photo by Barb Geerts

■ Princeton grocery store prepares to close its doors

by Barb Geerts

There's no question: Merlin Boll, owner of historic Boll's Store in Princeton, is much more comfortable wrapping up a pound of ground beef for a customer's order than responding to some reporter's questions.

"You don't want to say too much; they quote ya," he says in mock seriousness from his bar stool behind the counter.

Whatever hoopla there may be over this long-time grocer's retirement, it's obvious he did not originate it. A quiet, humble man, 70-year-old Merlin Boll would like nothing better than to slip away unnoticed.

But such things are not possible in a small community like Princeton, where everybody knows everybody, and folks watch out for each other.

Who here doesn't know that soon, the final bell will toll for Boll's?

And who here doesn't know Merlin, as much a fixture of the corner grocery store as the paper roll dispenser at his butcher counter. He has been greeting customers at the store overlooking the Mississippi River since 1944, when he joined his father, Henry "Heinie" Boll, in the business. He took over after Heinie died in 1977.

Merlin, who never married, has no one to inherit the business, so Boll's Store — the only surviving grocery among several that served the area in the early part of the century — will close at the end of this month after nearly three-quarters of a century of opera-

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Historic building will house community center

BOLL'S

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Things are going full circle for the building, which formerly served as a community center and was recently purchased by the city for just such a purpose.

Generations of Princeton residents have walked through the doors of the old brick building, its wooden screen door with the old-fashioned spring closing with a familiar "thwack" behind them (no automatic doors here). Soon, those customers will have to travel several miles to do the weekly shopping.

It isn't just the loss of the community's only grocery store that Princeton residents are lamenting: It's the end of an era where personal service was king and every customer had a name.

And when being neighborly sometimes took precedence over good business.

Helping Thy Neighbor

Marian Harry, who has been a clerk at Boll's since 1981, said Merlin has always gone out of his way to help folks — delivering groceries free-of-charge to the homebound, and assisting in other ways.

"People would come in for a tool, and if he didn't have it (to sell), he'd say, 'Oh, I've got one up home. You can go up and borrow it,'" she recalled.

One resident remembers how Merlin and his father helped their family survive when times were tough. "When things got bad and there was no money, my child did not go hungry because Heinie and Merlin cared enough to let us charge (our groceries) until we could pay," the writer states.

"Boll's people cared (about us) not just for the business, but as friends. Lots of children and elderly people (would) go hungry if it was not for (Boll's Store). When someone needed something special, they would order it. And if you needed someone to talk to, they were always there. Nothing could ever replace the closeness of this store," the writer concludes.

Indeed, customers seem more like family members than "consumer units" at Boll's, where chances are you'll run into someone you know. Patrons do as much visiting as shopping as they peruse the shelves, a bit picked over from a "going-out-of-business" sale.

Although selection is limited now, Boll's was famous for its one-stop shopping, where residents could buy everything from briefs to bananas, canning jars to curtain rods, pajamas to paper towels.

LaVonne Irving says she has been shopping at Boll's since moving to Princeton in the mid-'60s. Before her retirement as a teacher aide at Grissom School, she says, shopping at the grocery store was part of her after-work ritual.

"It was the post office, the library and Boll's. It was my routine. I'm going to miss this store," says Irving, who inadvertently leaves a cat food purchase on the counter when she exits the store. Clerk Harry soon discovers the error, and calls Irving at home to let her

know.

That kind of thing wouldn't happen at one of those mega-marts, someone mentions.

Kids are welcome

Boll's seems as popular with the younger set as with the long-time residents. Many stop by for a snack, or ride their bikes "downtown" to pick up a few things for dinner. The kids are welcome here: No signs restrict the number of students who can enter at one time.

"We don't have many problems," Harry states.

On a recent morning, a youngster in a baseball cap leans on the store's well-worn counter, holding a \$10 bill and a short grocery list from his mom.

Unable to locate an item on the list, he asks Harry for help, and she immediately leaves her post at the counter to fetch it for the lad. Then, the order filled, Harry does a quick tally on a calculator and hands the youth some change back from his ten.

Later, she queries some teens on their mode of transportation, so she can bag their purchases appropriately for the trip home.

"Okay, (are) you walking, on bikes, or what?" she asks them.

Harry and her fellow clerks — Cherol Summers and Sue Filbrandt — do all they can to assure that the foodstuffs arrive home intact. When business is slow, Merlin keeps a pair of binoculars beneath the counter to keep an eye on the river action. Eagle-watching is a particularly enjoyable winter activity.

When he retires, Merlin probably won't miss the long hours he puts in at the store, which is open six days a week. Merlin's sister, Leone Kosman, has been helping out at the grocery in recent months, as well. She said she and her brother "grew up" at the store, first assisting with stock and later, waiting on customers.

She recalls when farmers would bring fresh eggs in for sale at the store. "We'd unpack the eggs and put them in big crates," she said. "That was a long time ago."

Kosman said her father first opened a grocery in the building next door before moving to the corner facility, but she doesn't recall exactly when the move occurred.

Hospital to community center

The building that now houses Boll's was built during the early 1900s by Dr. John Knox, who intended to use the three-story structure as a hospital. However, he ran out of funds before the construction could be completed, according to historical records.

In 1928, a stock company was established by 50 area farmers and businessmen for the purpose of remodeling and completing the building. The finished structure had kitchen and dining room facilities in the basement, two large storage rooms, and a top floor with an auditorium and stage.

"Years ago, they used to have card parties and things like that up there," Kosman said. "Movies, roller skating, and wrestling matches were held up there in the early years. Downstairs, they'd have chicken suppers."

Heinie Boll eventually acquired the build-



Landmark Building - Originally intended to be a hospital, this historic, turn-of-the-century building in Princeton served as a community center before Henry "Heinie" Boll established his grocery store there. Now, with the retirement of Heinie's son, Merlin, the Boll's Store building will be going full circle: Princeton officials have purchased the structure, which will be remodeled into a community center.

ing by purchasing stock from willing sellers.

Now, nearly 60 years after city leaders first turned the historic structure into a community center, officials are hoping that chicken suppers and other community functions will again be held in the building.

Princeton Mayor Dave McLaughlin said the present community center, a former depot located on Highway 67, has outlived its usefulness.

"We're going to tear the old one down. It just got too old (and) the roof leaks," said McLaughlin.

Plans were to construct a pole building to serve as the new center, but when Boll indicated his desire to get out of the grocery business, city officials decided the old structure would be well-suited for a community

center, the mayor said.

"This (building) gives us three to four times more square footage," he said of the corner grocery, which will soon be used for a variety of community activities.

"We could fit 200 to 250 downstairs. And we own the park across the street. We've got big plans, but it's still in the works," said McLaughlin, adding that preliminary estimates for the remodeling project are not yet in.

The mayor said that the city will give Merlin ample time to liquidate his inventory and vacate the building after Aug. 31.

Kosman and the employees at Boll's had hoped to have an open house of sorts in honor of Merlin's retirement, but he has resisted the idea so far, his sister said. "He wants it to be like any other day and that's it — the end of it."

Eldridge council awards bid for Lancer Park paving project

Workers will soon start re-paving portions of the Lancer Industrial Park, in a construction project a number of business owners felt they were unfairly assessed for.

The Eldridge City Council in a special meeting Monday night awarded a construction bid to Hawkeye Paving of Bettendorf to pave portions of North Ninth Avenue, East Franklin Street and East Price Street.

The good news for property owners is that the estimated project cost dropped more than 17 percent, from \$969,300 to \$734,176. This should lower the assessments, said city administrator John Dowd.

"There will definitely be change orders,"

he said.

In a meeting last April the council estimated property owners would have to pay about \$200,000 in assessments.

Five other companies, McCarthy Improvement, Foley Construction, A. Oetzel Construction, Valley Construction and Five Cities Paving also bid on the project, but were too high. Their bids ranged from \$787,824 to \$902,517.

Shive-Hattery engineer Myron Scheibe said construction should start within a few weeks. Hawkeye is under contract to have the project finished by June 30, 1998.

Absentee ballots available

Absentee ballots are now available in the Scott County Auditor's Office for the 1997 School Board Elections to be held on Tuesday, Sept. 9.

According to Iowa Law, any registered voter may vote absentee when they expect to be absent on election day during the time the polls are open, or, through illness or physical disability, the elector expects to be prevented from going to the polls and voting on election day.

Ballots requested in person must be voted at the time of the request. The Auditor's Office is open between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

The deadline for voting an absentee ballot in person in the Auditor's Office for this election is 4:30 p.m. Monday, Sept. 8.

Voters requesting ballots by mail should address all requests to the Scott County Auditor, Courthouse, Davenport, IA 52801. Requests must include: name, address, social

security number, signature, and address to which the ballot is to be mailed. Mail requests will be honored until Sept. 8, however it is advisable to request ballots as soon as possible and to take into consideration the length of time needed for ballots to be returned by the mail. The return ballot must be postmarked no later than Sept. 8, or be hand delivered to the Auditor's Office by 8 p.m. election evening to be valid.

All inquiries concerning absentee ballots should be directed to the Scott County Auditor's Office at 326-8631 or 326-VOTE.

Outdoor Fall Soccer

The Scott County Family Y's Outdoor Fall Soccer season begins Aug. 23.

Games will be played on Saturdays in Bettendorf, Davenport, Eldridge, Park View and Pleasant Valley. For more information, call (319) 359-3733.



Checking Out - Marian Harry, a long-time clerk at Boll's Store in Princeton, uses a calculator to tally the purchases of customer Margaret Anderson. Most patrons are greeted by name at this small-town grocery store, which stocks everything from canned goods to rubber boots.



Boll Honored - Merlin Boll (right), who has spent more than half a century in the grocery business in Princeton, was honored by Princeton Mayor David McLaughlin (left) during a party Aug. 29 to mark Boll's retirement. Boll was presented with a certificate recognizing him for 53 years of service to the community. Contributed Photo

Princeton residents honor Boll

Long-time grocer Merlin Boll was honored at a retirement party Aug. 29 at the historic Boll's Store in Princeton.

Hundreds of well-wishers turned out for the event — many bringing cake and other treats. Mayor David McLaughlin presented Boll with a framed certificate marking his 53 years of community service. Visitors also got in on some bargains at the store, where groceries and dry goods were going for 50 cents on the dollar in an effort to close out the stock.

The Boll's Store building has been purchased by the city of Princeton to be used as a community center.

On Sept. 13, more than 400 people turned

out for a community appreciation Hog Roast Dinner for Boll, who was presented with a huge card created by Penne Miller and signed by those in attendance. Farmers Savings Bank donated a large cake. Thanks also go to Princeton Lions Club, Princeton Volunteer Fire Department, Bridges' and Kernan's restaurants, the Brockhouse family, and other individuals who helped organize the event and serve dinner.

Just a week after the hog roast, Merlin Boll underwent an angioplasty procedure at Genesis Hospital in Davenport. He returned home the following day (Sept. 23) and is reportedly doing well.



Casey's Aids Community Center - Donna Cromer, manager of the Princeton Casey's Store, presents a check for \$500 to the Community Center renovation fund. Accepting the donation are co-managers of the remodeling project, Mike Kernan (left) and Dave McLaughlin. The historic Boll's Store building will soon re-open as Princeton's new Community Center.

NSP Photo by Barb Geerts

Refurbishing a community's days-gone-by identity

Fun will be had as Princeton's Community Center rises anew

PRINCETON, Iowa — It was the post-war, picket-fence era when Frank Sinatra was a teen idol, families still ate dinner every night together and it was safe to walk the streets at night.

And in tiny Princeton, the community center was the place to be.

If it wasn't a church potluck, a civic club's card night, a community dance or musical,

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We would like to run silent movies and sell popcorn and have someone play the piano.”

**DAVE
McLAUGHLIN**
Former Princeton,
Iowa, mayor

the two-story brick building was bustling with wrestling matches, roller skating and basketball games.

Today, after more than 40 years as the Boll Grocery Store, the building once again is the community center and well on its way to becoming the hub of this little Scott County community.

In recent years, the city had another community center, but it was too small. “If we got 97 for a soup supper, we’d be doing good. Now, we can get 150 to 200,” said former Mayor Dave

McLaughlin, one of the

driving forces behind the conversion. The Boll Building-Princeton Community Center — as it now is called — was built about 1908 by a town doctor, John Knox, who wanted to add a third floor and make it into a hospital.

Knox, who was the first white child born in Princeton, went on to serve several terms as mayor. He borrowed money and, coupled with his own investment, erected exterior brick walls for the structure on Front Street.

He twice ran into financial difficulty and the exterior of the building stood with the interior left vacant before the inside work eventually was completed.

It stood as an eyesore for years until a group of business people raised \$10,000 and sold shares to purchase the building in the late 1920s.

Two stories of the outer walls were removed, the building finally was completed

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Residents remember the good old days, look forward to the future: 3M

This wall shows the center's heritage as the Boll Grocery Store.



Above, Harley Walker remembers moving to Princeton, Iowa, about 50 years ago and attending dances at the community center. He is helping remodel the building, which includes a hat check room. Former Princeton, Iowa, Mayor Dave McLaughlin, left, is one of the driving forces behind the renovation of a former grocery store, shown at left in the photo, into the community center.



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Alyssa Irving, 8, plays on the basketball court her grandfather, Donald Irving, is helping to restore.

Those days were fun days

■ Restoration brings back fond memories

By Doug Schorpp
QUAD-CITY TIMES

Gloria Beuse fondly remembers that crowded old gym in the Princeton, Iowa, community center and being a cheerleader for the unofficial town basketball team in the late 1940s.

"I can remember being a cheerleader," she said, "but I don't remember that as vividly as playing basketball myself."

It wasn't the sanctioned high school team. Rather, it was a group of teenage girls from Princeton who played friendly matches against teams from other Quad-City area towns.

"When I think of all those memories, good grief," said Beuse, who still lives in rural Princeton. "Those were the good old days."

Few people are as excited that the former Boll Grocery Store is being restored as those who spent some of the best years of their lives there.

High school musicals, concerts, wedding receptions, basketball games, wrestling matches, community theater all were held in the two-story structure.

Beuse also remembers her team's coach.

"Gloria Chapman's mother was the coach," she said. "She loved to do it."

Gloria Chapman, now Gloria Wolfe of Muscatine, also recalls those days and playing teams like a group from the Annie Wittenmyer Home in Davenport.

"We weren't big-time, but for the fun

of it," she said. "(My mother), she played basketball. You wouldn't believe those uniforms. She knew enough about it to coach."

"But I also remember the dances. The firemen put on dances. My folks would go and take us kids. And we also roller skated. One thing about Princeton, it was a small town with few cars, so you had to make your own entertainment."

Wolfe, who served as Princeton's city clerk for 10 years, said she would definitely attend any grand opening, if and when the upper level of the old community center is ever renovated.

She also remembers leaving school during the lunch breaks, walking to Boll's store and buying candy. "I wouldn't get back on time and I would get reprimanded," she said, laughing.

Merlin Boll, whose father ran the store for years before he recently retired from doing the same, shares similar recollections.

"It was basketball games, but also I remember wrestling matches. Al Grosz, used to have a gas station in Princeton, was one of the wrestlers up there."

Grosz, who proudly proclaims that he's "81 and a half," said the wrestling was part of a professional circuit that was a forerunner to the present ones.

"We used to pack the place continuously," said Grosz, who still lives in Princeton. "We took on all comers."

Beuse, like her former classmates, is excited about the future of the community center.

"I think that is neat," she said. "I think that is the nicest thing that could have happened. That holds a lot of memories."

Face lift nearing completion

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and it began life as a community center in 1928.

Merlin Boll, who sold the structure to the city when he retired a year ago, said his father, Henry, began operating it as a store about the same time it became the community center.

"He owned stock, but rented the building," he said, adding that his father did so for at least three decades. While he used the first floor for his business, the community continued to use the top floor for games, dances, plays and other entertainment and the basement for meetings, church suppers and cards and dice games.

In the 1950s, Merlin Boll said, his father purchased enough stock from residents to take over ownership of the building. That is when the community center dissolved. Young Merlin helped out at the store and later ran the business for 35 years, retiring in August 1997 and selling the building.

In the past 12 months, behind the leadership of McLaughlin and city council member Mike Kernan, volunteers converted it into a new commu-

nity center.

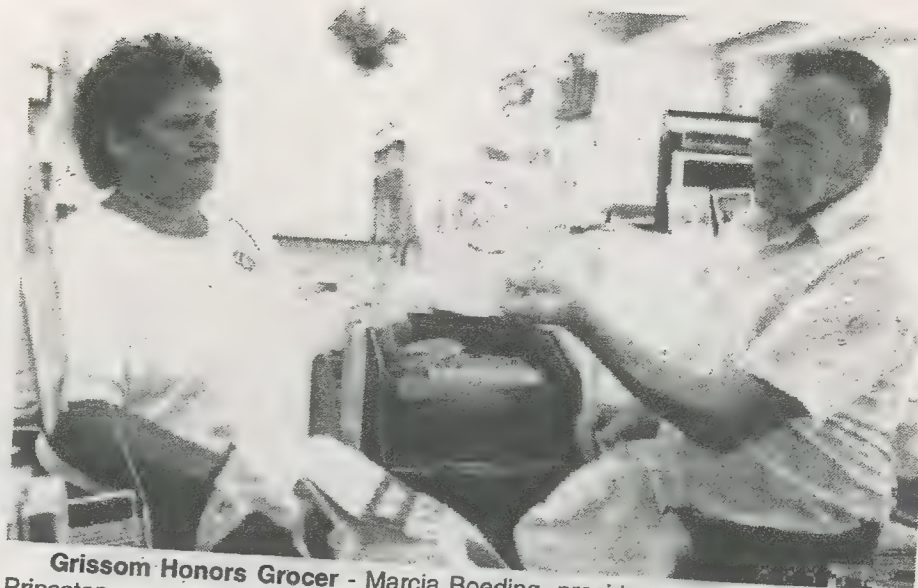
Work actually began in January. Kernan kept a daily diary of activity on the progress. Now, the first floor is done, complete with a large open space for community meetings, activities and dinners, plus a refurbished kitchen and restrooms.

It opened about April 1.

The second floor, once the site of the most memorable activities, still can be accessed by a large, wide staircase, the original stage, floor and coatroom. The hope is to restore the entire second story, and use it for receptions, dances and perhaps a make it home to a resurrected community theater group.

"We would like to run silent movies and sell popcorn and have someone play the piano," McLaughlin said. "It takes time to restore it. Money is what holds up the whole deal."

He said a total of \$15,000 was donated for the completed first floor. But if the upper level is to ever be renovated, he said outside donations will be needed. Anyone interested in contributing may contact McLaughlin at (319) 289-5996.



Grissom Honors Grocer - Marcia Boeding, president of the Grissom PTA in Princeton, presents Merlin Boll with an etched PTA plate in recognition of his years of contributions to the students. The owner of Boll's Store recently retired from the grocery business after more than half a century.

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War memorial finds a new home

Horse-drawn wagon will move monument to riverbank

Stories by Rema Graham

QUAD-CITY TIMES
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PRINCETON, Iowa — With horses and a wagon, Princeton's War Memorial will be moved to a new home on the riverbank Saturday.

Since World War II, the memorial has stood in front of the town's civic center. But now, there's a new civic center and the old one will be razed.

The procession will be part of the town's Armed Forces Day program at 9 a.m. Saturday, which replaces the annual Memorial Day service.

The program will begin at the present site of the War Memorial at the Old Civic Center on U.S. 67, with the LeClaire American Legion presenting the Honor Guard.

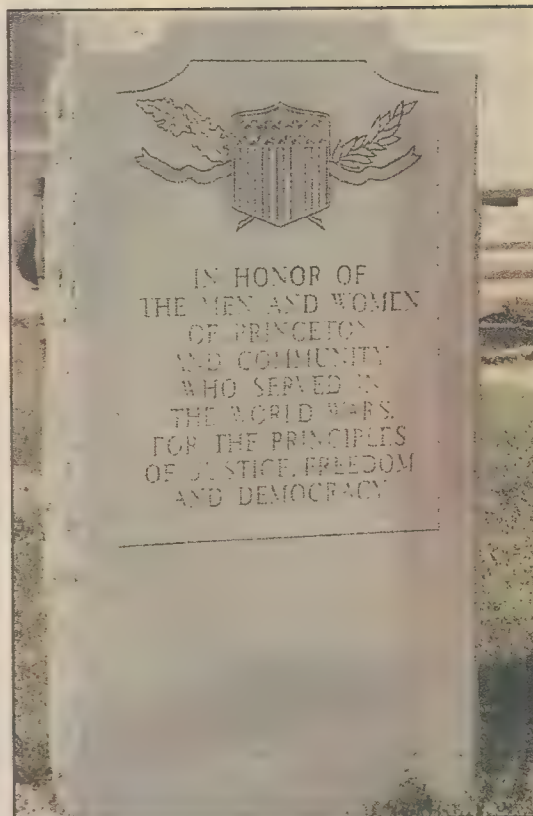
Princeton resident Kenneth Hoggard will transport the 1,500-pound memorial, loaded on the wagon with a crane Friday, to Clemons Park by the Mississippi River.

The Rev. Lance Ziegler will do a Blessing of the Ground. Mike Talbor will present the Placing of the Memorial as Paul Geiger sings the "Star-Spangled Banner." Lt. Col. George Eaton of the Rock Island Arsenal will speak and the Rev. Douglas Bullock-Tiffany will have a closing prayer from Psalm 145:1-4.

Refreshments will be served at the new Boll Building-Princeton Community Center.

The memorial commemorates members of the community who have served in World Wars I and II, the Korean War, Vietnam War and Gulf War.

Mayor Jim Darnell spearheaded the idea to move the memorial by horse and wagon to the central location on the riverfront. It will be placed in a cement form facing the new community center across River



Photos by Rema Graham/QUAD-CITY TIMES

The War Memorial in Princeton, Iowa, will have a beautiful new resting spot by the Mississippi River after a ceremonial procession to move it Saturday on Armed Forces Day.

Drive. The American and Iowa flags will fly behind the memorial.

Darnell wants the Armed Forces Day program to be special with the moving of memorial.

"They gave us our standard of living. It's our heritage, something to be proud of," he said.

Community and its new civic center are taking shape

PRINCETON, Iowa — When the small town of Princeton in northern Scott County lost its store, the city purchased the huge building and volunteers converted it into a



Darnell

new community center. "The building was built in the late 1910s and was occupied by the Boll family, who had two stores there," volunteer Ann Geiger said.

"When Merlin Boll, now in his 70s, took over the family store and retired, he sold it to the city last fall."

The first floor is completed, but the basement floor still has to be



Princeton's new community center still bears the name of the Boll family, who once had a store in the building.

painted. The upstairs will be done this fall.

The Boll Building-Princeton Community Center is just one of many projects done or planned by the volunteers corps in the town.

Mayor Jim Darnell, during his off-hours from his job at Alcoa, helps them spruce up the river-

front.

"The people are amazing to help," he said. "You don't have large budgets. We survive a lot on small projects done by volunteer work."

A few years ago, Darnell spearheaded a water tower park and baseball field. A new shelter is being planned along the river for weddings and other gatherings, with the community center available for receptions.

And that's not all.

They're finishing work on a boat ramp entrance next to the memorial and a gazebo. Wild flowers will be sown on a strip of land by the highway and railroad tracks.

"We want to grow, we want people to say, 'What a quaint little town!'" Darnell said.

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On the move

Kenneth Hoggard's horse-drawn wagon carries the Princeton (Iowa) War Memorial to a new home on the banks of the Mississippi River as part of Saturday's Armed Forces Day ceremonies. Mayor Jim Darnell spearheaded the idea to move the monument to a more central location in Clemons Park facing the town's new community center. The monument honors people from the Scott County community who served in World Wars I and II, the Korean War, the Vietnam War and the Persian Gulf War.



Greg Boll/QUAD-CITY TIMES

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Princeton War Memorial to be moved

Princeton officials will be marking Memorial Day in a slightly different way this year.

The annual Memorial Day Service will be replaced by a re-dedication of the Princeton War Memorial, which is being moved from its present site in front of the former Civic Center on Highway 67, to a new location in Clemons Park. The service will be held Saturday, May 16 beginning at 9 a.m. at the old Civic Center. The memorial – which honors those who have served in World War I and II, the Korean War, Vietnam and the Gulf War – will be loaded into a horse-drawn wagon and be moved to its new location, where the services will conclude.

The wagon will be escorted by members of the LeClaire American Legion, local ministers, Lt. Col. George Eaton of the Rock Island Arsenal, Mayor Jim Darnell, and other local officials. Those participating in the ceremony include the Rev. Lance Ziegler, Mike Talbot, Paul Geiger, Lt. Col. Eaton, and the Rev. Douglas Bullock-Tiffany. Refreshments will be served at the Princeton Community Center (the former Boll Building) following the service.

The Princeton War Memorial is being relocated to a spot near the new Community Center because the building that formerly housed the center will be razed.

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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

No. 21

Rebekah Assembly, I. O. O. F.

of the State of Iowa

Iowa City, Iowa, January 13 1998

By authority of the Rebekah Assembly of Iowa, I hereby grant Dispensation

to Echo Rebekah Lodge, No. 104 I. O. O. F.

For moving Charter to Civic Center to hold
regular meetings

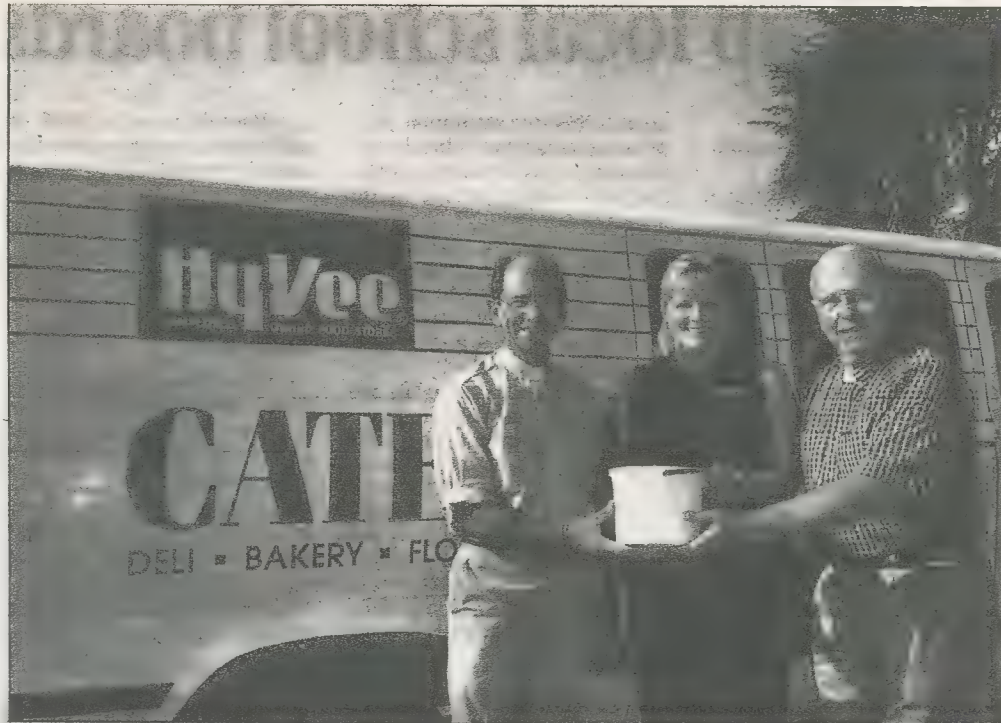


Subject to the conditions in foot note, and under and in accordance with the
Laws and Regulations of the Order.

Witness my hand and Seal of the Rebekah Assembly of Iowa, I. O. O. F.

Mary Ann Harris
PRESIDENT

NOTE If this Dispensation is for a Public Installation, remember, that under the law (Section 31, Constitution for Rebekah Lodges) the exercises must be conducted by some Elective Grand Officer, or the regularly appointed Deputy of your District, in the manner prescribed, and can not be conducted by any other person.



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Churches to scoop up funds for community center

Princeton ministers, the Rev. Peter Sickels of Zion Lutheran Church, left, and the Rev. William Beattie of Princeton Presbyterian Church, help Hy-Vee marketing coordinator Debbie Geisler unload ice cream for a community ice cream social. Members of the two churches will be serving baked goods and ice cream from 2 to 4 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 14, at the Boll Community Center in Princeton. A free-will offering will be accepted to benefit the community center. Thrivent, a Lutheran fraternal financial organization will match funds up to \$250, and Great River Bank, Princeton, is donating \$100.

Princeton churches plan social to benefit community center

Princeton-area churches are co-hosting an ice cream social to benefit Boll's Community Center.

The fund-raiser, hosted by Princeton Presbyterian Church and Zion Lutheran Church, will be from 2 to 4 p.m. Sept. 14 at the center, along River Drive in Princeton.

Baked goods will be provided by the congregations, and Hy-Vee Grocery Store in Bettendorf is donating the ice cream.

A free-will offering will be taken, with all monies collected benefiting the center. Thrivent, a Lutheran fraternal organization, will provide matching funds up to \$250, while Great River Bank & Trust will donate \$100.

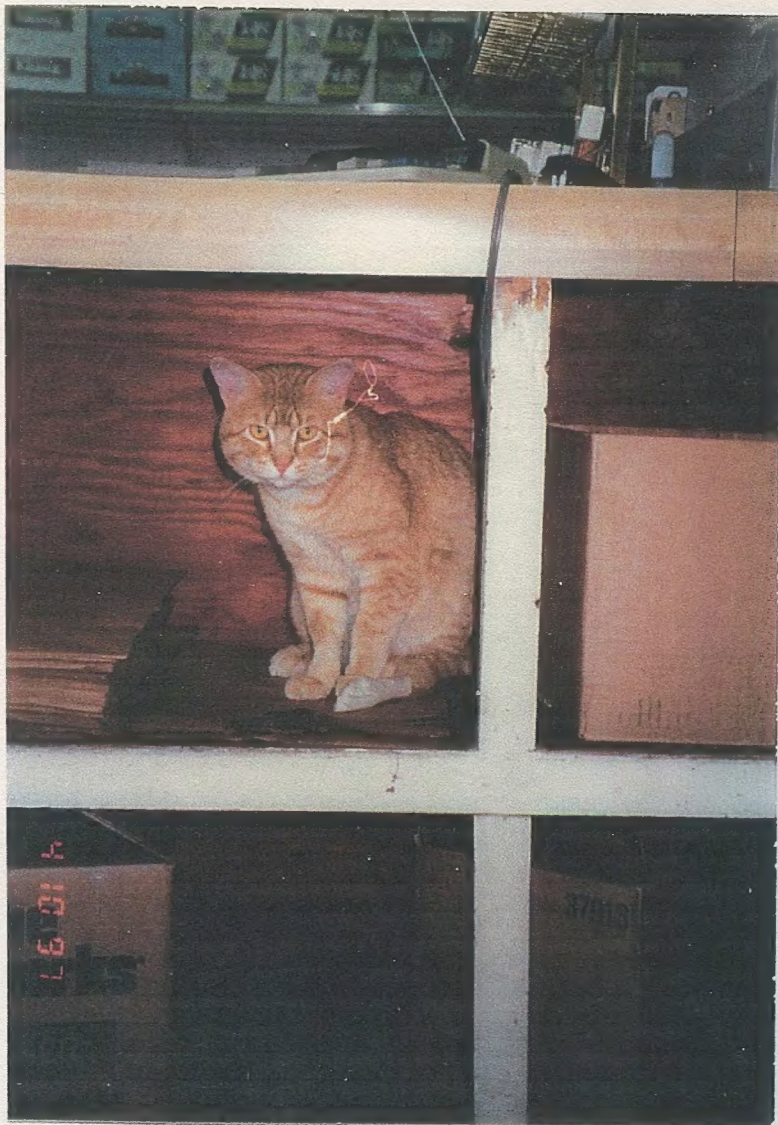
"It's nice to see the churches and community working together," said Princeton Mayor Dan Dawson.

Anyone wanting more information may call Zion Lutheran Church at (563) 289-5566, Princeton Presbyterian Church at (563) 289-4585 or Joyce Lund Mears at (563) 289-3314.

Riverssance is Sept. 20-21

The 16th Annual Riverssance Festival of Fine Arts will be held Saturday, Sept. 20 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sunday, Sept. 21, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Lindsay Park in the historic Village of East Davenport.

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Merlin Boll

PRINCETON, Iowa — Merlin J. Boll, 77, a life-long resident of Princeton, Iowa died Friday, Jan. 2, 2004, at Genesis Medical Center-East Campus in Davenport.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 6, 2004, at the McGinnis-Chambers Funeral Chapel, Bettendorf. Burial will be in Davenport Memorial Park. Visitation will be from 12 to 2 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to the Scott County Humane Society.



Mr. Boll

Merlin was born July 11, 1927, in Princeton, the son of Henry and Selma (Stradtmueller) Boll and was a graduate of Clinton High School. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II and was honorably discharged in 1947.

Henry and Selma founded Boll's General Store in Princeton in the early 1920's. From the time he was a youngster, Merlin worked at the store until his retirement in 1997, when he sold the building to the town of Princeton.

Those left to honor his memory include his sister, Leone Kosman, of Davenport; his

nephews, Gary Kosman, of Bettendorf, and Greg Kosman, of Texas; and a very special friend, Susan Filbrandt, of LeClaire, Iowa.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Condolences may be left for the family by visiting Merlin's obituary at www.McGinnis-Chambers.com.

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Princeton to plot course for Boll's

■ City leaders set town meeting to plan building's future

By Brian Rathjen
NSP Staff Writer

Joyce Lund-Mears remembers the days when the upstairs of Boll's Store was the center of Princeton's social life.

The city's volunteer fire department hosted many dances, while younger children engaged in such things as roller skating and basketball. Churches would frequently host chicken suppers, while schools in the Princeton area held their school plays and musicals on the second-floor stage; both drew people from miles around.

"The Saturday night movies were just wonderful," she said, noting that people could get in for just a dime. "People would come from all over — McCausland and LeClaire. It (Boll's) was really the center of our community."

She and a group of Princeton community

leaders envision those bygone days living once again in the former grocery store's second floor.

Already, volunteers helped make the second floor access safe to use again. Now, a community meeting is planned to discuss the building's future and ways the complete facility may be used.

The meeting, described as a marketing strategy planning program for the total use of the building, will be at 5:30 p.m. Thursday, May 3 at the Boll's Community Center, 428 River Drive. Consultant Dick Hanzelka will be leading the meeting, helping residents shape the future of the building.

"I want the pros and cons of Boll's discussed," said Steve Suiter, president of Great River Bank & Trust. "One of the problems we have is a little bit of a hesitancy on the part of the (City Council) to commit to Boll's."

"We need to get the citizens who are behind Boll's to come forward and come up with a concise, recognizable plan to make Boll's

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A marketing, strategy and planning program will take place May 3 in Princeton to discuss the pros and cons of Boll's Community Center and shape the building's future.

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function and make it economically viable.

The Rev. Peter Sickels, pastor of Zion Lutheran Church and a member of the Boll's committee, compares Boll's to the gospel story in Matthew 5:14-15: "You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hid. Nor do men light a lamp and put it under a bushel, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house."

"The community center of Boll's has never been marketed well," said Sickels, who contends some Princeton residents aren't even aware that the building is available for rent. "The second floor is a real treasure that used to be used regularly for things like theater, basketball, but it hasn't been used in nearly 30 years."

"It seems to me (some people) are hiding

a great treasure, and it needs to be opened to daylight and be used more."

Lund-Mears added, "We need a central point where children can have these good memories, conduct parties and meetings, and be loyal to the community in the future."

Boll's Store, the town's grocery and general merchandise store, closed in 1997, and its main floor was quickly transformed into a community center. It quickly became a popular site for graduation and wedding receptions, soup suppers and church events.

However, the second floor remained vacant, saddled with a rusting fire escape stairwell and a fire door that wouldn't work.

That's where community volunteers Tom Rogers and Norm Sandburg stepped in.

Sandburg brought his workers from IMG Steel Erectors to restore the wrought-iron fire escape to its original condition. Their work

was donated as a gift to the city.

Rogers added his construction expertise to replace the unworkable door at the top of the fire escape. He also donated his labor and the door.

"This place needs to be used by youth and children — dancing, watching movies on a big screen for different age groups — and I hope this helps," he said.

The floor, said Sickels, is in sound condition, but efforts were needed to wipe off decades of dust and dirt from the hardwood floor. He added that the lights have protective mesh covering them, the floor-to-ceiling windows are covered with wooden grates, and the walls are covered with Seattle brick.

"It's really ready to go in so many ways," he said.

Deciding on goals

During the upcoming meeting, Hanzelka will lead residents in analyzing Boll's. Once strengths and possible roadblocks are determined, action groups will be formed to meet various goals.

Princeton City Council member Penelope Miller added another goal will determine whether the building is viable enough to spend up to \$100,000 on other needed upgrades, such

as a sprinkler system and elevator. The building has an inside dance hall-style stairwell to the second floor that does not to be altered, she said, and it could accomodate a wheelchair lift.

Pizza will be served.

Mayor Keith Youngers, a Princeton native who remembers playing basketball in the upstairs of Boll's, said the goal is to make the entire building usable.

"We just want to see if it's worth moving forward and make the whole building more attractive," he said.

Sickels said that if things come to fruition, the building could be useful to many groups not just in Princeton, but the region. For instance, youth rock bands and performing corps such as Sheltered Reality could rent the upstairs portion of the building for concerts.

The group pointed out that more than 100 private donors, along with 25 corporate and 20 memorial gifts, gave birth to the community center. Now, it is poised to take the next critical steps into adolescence.

"There's been a lot of good intentions, but they've all seemed to go off in different ways," he said. "We just need to tie everything together and get everyone moving in the same direction."



Princeton volunteer Tom Rogers shows off the new fire escape door, opening into the second floor of Boll's Community Center. It was one of many improvements that have been made to the second floor recently.

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Carbon monoxide kills rural LeClaire woman

An elderly rural LeClaire woman who was found dead inside her home succumbed to carbon monoxide poisoning.

That's the findings of a preliminary autopsy report regarding the death of 74-year-old Patsy Wiebel, who died at her home Sunday, April 15, at 22175 283rd Ave.

According to the Scott County Sheriff's Department, Wiebel and her husband had just returned to the area from their winter home a few days earlier and stayed at a hotel. The

next day, Mr. Wiebel became ill and went to the hospital.

Patsy Wiebel was found dead after her husband requested that a neighbor check on her well-being.

Tests at the scene indicated that the home had high levels of carbon monoxide, and that the house had a faulty furnace. The investigation is still pending until the completion of tests, deputies said.

Walk raises funds for preeclampsia research

The Preeclampsia Foundation will hold its Third Annual Walk-a-Thon on Saturday, May 12 beginning at 9 a.m. at Centennial Park in Davenport.

The walk is held to raise money for the Preeclampsia Foundation for research and awareness of preeclampsia, a maternal and infant illness that can cause death. Sometimes called toxemia, the disorder affects both the mother and the fetus. It is characterized by elevated blood pressure, swelling, and protein in the urine, but its cause is still not fully understood.

Preeclampsia affects approximately 5-8 percent of pregnancies, and is responsible for about 18 percent of all maternal deaths.

The Walk-a-Thon will feature door prizes and a silent auction. Anne Garrett, a Washington state resident and founder of the Preeclampsia Foundation, will be the featured speaker.

To register online, go to: www.preeclampsia.org, or e-mail to walkforshelly@hotmail.com. For more information, contact John Warner at (563) 284-6111.